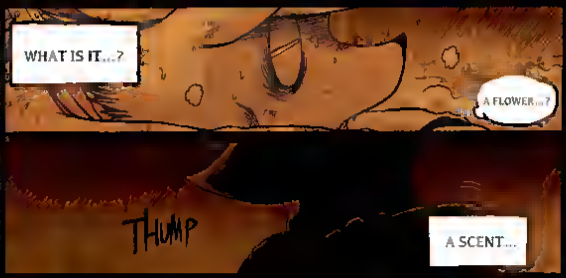
ZASH
I WONDER HOW LONG I'VE BEEN WALKING
IT'S BEEN THREE DAYS SINCE I ACCIDENTALLY DROPPED FOOD AND WATER OFF A CLIFF
NO MAYBE IT WAS FOUR DAYS
ZASH
HUFF
HUF
PANT
AT THAT POINT IN TIME. I HAD ALREADY WALKED FOR A WEEK
ZASH
HUFF

I'M SURE I'M ALMOST THERE
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
ZA SH
CRACK
I MUST HURRY
CREAK

I MUST HURRY...
I MUST HURRY...
THUD

NO...
GET UP, ZIPHER...
WALK...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
WALK...
!



...OF FLOWERS...

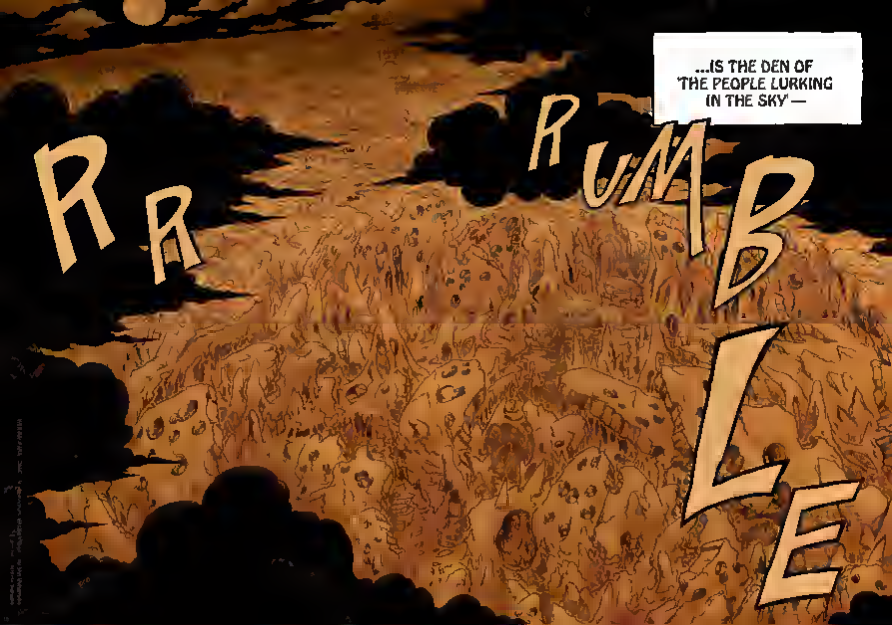
IN THE NOT SO DISTANT PAST.

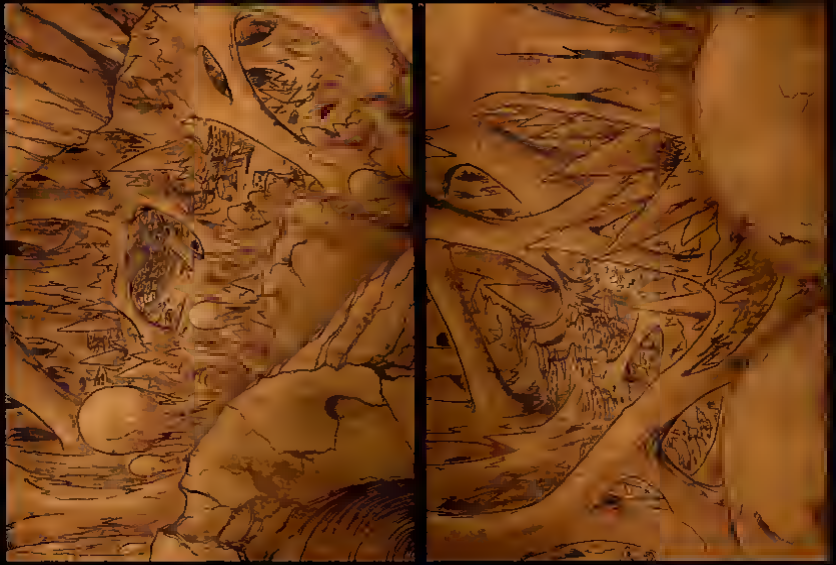
HUSHABYE, HUSHABYE
PEOPLE WERE LIVING QUIETLY BUT AT THE SAME TIME...
CLOSE YOUR EYES THE NIGHT IS COMING
HIDING IN THE CLOUDS TAKING A GREAT SHADOW ALONG
...THEY FACED THE THREAT OF THE PEOPLE LURKING IN THE SKY
CLOSE YOUR EYES MY DEAR LITTLE BOY

THE SKY PEOPLE ARE HUGE. AND APPEAR OUT OF NOWHERE
...OLI ORE THE PILLAR OF LIGHT PREGNANT WITH DARKNESS...
THEN. FROM THE FARAWAY SKY POINTING TO THE LAND...
...SOILS THE PURITY OF THE LAND...
...THEY DROP A STRAIGHT THUNDER THAT SOILS IT.

EVERYTHING ABOUT THEM WAS A MYSTERY. THERE WAS NOTHING THAT PEOPLE COULD DO.
BUT MEANWHILE, A RUMOR WAS GRADUALLY SPREADING.
...THAT A FEW DOZENS KM NORTH OF A CERTAIN COASTAL TOWN...

...IN AN UNEXPLORED LAND SURROUNDED BY STEEP ROCKS WHERE PEOPLE DON'T DARE VENTURE...
...THERE LIES A PLACE POLLUTED BY POISON CALLED THE 'LAND OF THE VARIANTS ...
AND THAT LAND...


...IS THE DEN OF 'THE PEOPLE LURKING IN THE SKY'—
RRRUMBLE



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THINK IT OVER ONCE AGAIN DOMIKA
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
ARE YOU TAKING HIM BACK WITH YOU NO MATTER WHAT?
YES...
ROLL

WE HAVE NO IDEA WHO HE IS!
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO IF SOMETHING HAPPENS?
I'LL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY... FOR EVERYTHING...
...
YOU TALK ABOUT RESPONSIBILITY, BUT...
...I DON'T THINK THE OTHERS ARE GOING TO ALLOW THIS

ROLL
LOOK AT THE BOX THIS GUY WAS CARRYING ON HIS BACK
ROLL
RUMBLE
CLUNK CLUNK
ROLL
IT LOOKS LIKE A SAFE OR A STORAGE BOX
I DON T KNOW WHAT'S INSIDE BUT IT S TOTALLY SUSPICIOUS!
HE EITHER SKIPPED TOWN OR HE S A THIEF
GIGGLE
IN ANY CASE, HE'S BAD NEWS.

B-BUT...! EVEN THOUGH HE'S FROM "THE OUTSIDE WORLD"...
ONLY FOR THE TIME UNTIL HE RECOVERS...!
...WE JUST CAN'T ABANDON HIM LIKE THAT...!
ALL RIGHT... YOU HAVE NO INTENTION TO BACK OFF... I GUESS?
THAT S WHY I DIDN'T REALLY WANT YOU TO GET OUT OE THE VILLAGE...
...

ROLL
UGH...
OK, WE RE ALMOST THERE
GUESS YOU WON'T NEED YOUR COAT ANYMORE
Schmuffy
RUMBLE
CLUNK
...!?
RUSTLE
WHUFF
!!

UWAH!
UWAAAAH!
MGH!?
THUD
UGH...!

WAAAAAH!
?
DASH
UWAAAAAH!
!

WAI—
WHERE DD YOU THINK YOU RE GOING?
SKREEK
!!!
FIRST OF ALL CALM DOWN
PLOP
...!!!
DON T KNOW WHAT'S UP WITH THE EXCITEMENT BUT STOP MAKING ALL THAT NOISE

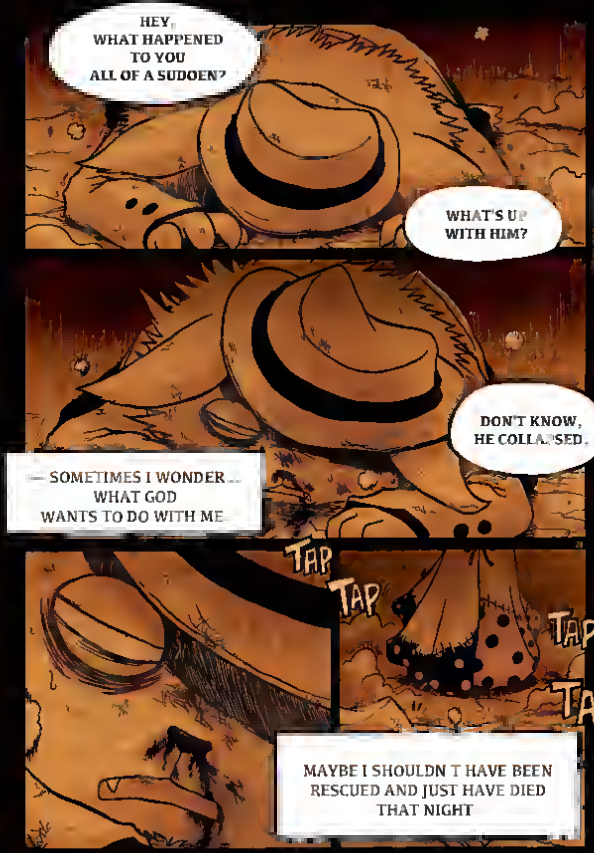
IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE GONNA EAT YOU.
!

FROM YOUR POINT OF VIEW, NO DOUBT.
...IT WAS ARBITRARY ON OUR PART TO TAKE YOU "UNCONSCIOUS" HERE.
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
BUT IF YOU FEEL EVEN A LITTLE OBLIGATED...
...DON'T GIVE US TROUBLE.

"OUTSIDE WORLDER".

HA... HA HA HA...
I MADE IT...!
I ARRIVED... I ARRIVED...!!
I FINALLY ARRIVED!!!
FINALLY...!!
AT THE PLACE I WAS SEARCHING FOR!
HA HA HA HA...
...?
EEH EEH EEH EEH...
I'M SO HAPPY I GOT HERE... NOW... NOW...!

LET ME MEET HIM!!
WHAT'S WRONG? SUDDENLY JUMPING, LYING DOWN...
GRAB
GOT SOMETHING STRANGE IN YOUR MOUTH...?
?
YOUR CHIEF... !!
LET ME MEET THE CHIEF OF THE VARIANT VILLAGE!
PLEASE!! I BEG YOU!!
PLEA...
STUNK


HEY, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN?
WHAT'S UP WITH HIM?
DON'T KNOW, HE COLLAPSED.
— SOMETIMES I WONDER... WHAT GOD WANTS TO DO WITH ME
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
MAYBE I SHOULDN T HAVE BEEN RESCUED AND JUST HAVE DIED THAT NIGHT

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?
OR MAYBE, I SHOULD HAVE DIED RIGHT NOW AFTER I FAINTED
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU!?
CAN YOU GET UP!?

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THIS OLD MAN IS NOT WAKING UP AT ALL
INDEED...
HIS FEVER HAS GONE DOWN THOUGH...
SQEEZ
DRIP
DRIP
DRIP
I HOPE HE GETS WELL SOON...

BUT... I WONDER WHO HE IS...
WEARING HIMSELF OUT LIKE THIS
WHAT FOR...?
...
...X...
!

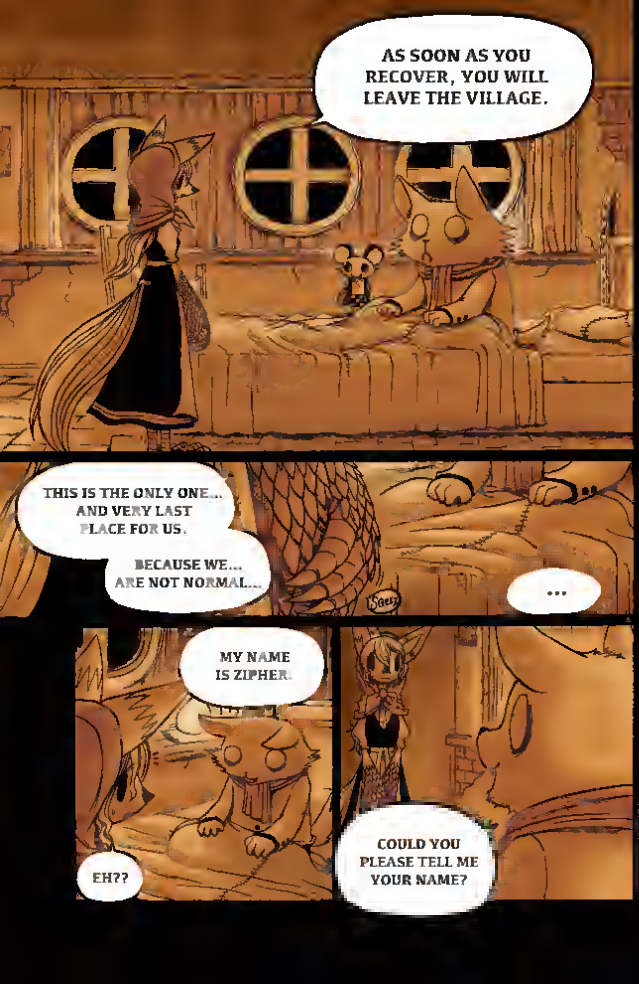
...BOX...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
THE BOX...!
THE BOX...!!!
...!?
THE BOX...!!!
BLINK

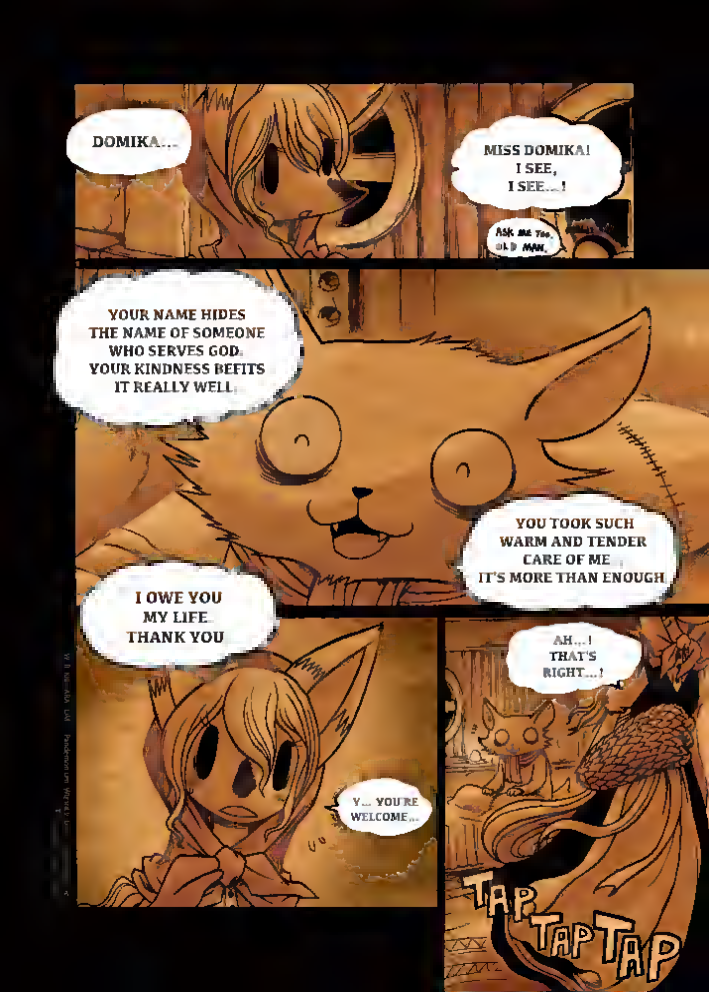
WHA
THE BOX... !!!
Q
P
GRA
B
!?
WHERE IS THE BOX...!?
WHERE IS MY BOX, PLEASE!!?

MY PRECIOUS BOX...!!!
W... WAIT!
THAT BOX IS IN ANOTHER PLACE . !
IN ANOTHER PLACE!?
WHERE...?!!
T... THAT I CAN'T TELL YOU...!!
WHY!?
WHERE AM I...?!
CALM DOWN, COLLAPSED OLD MAN
THIS IS THE VARIANT VILLAGE YOU SAID IT YOURSELF, DIDN T YOU?

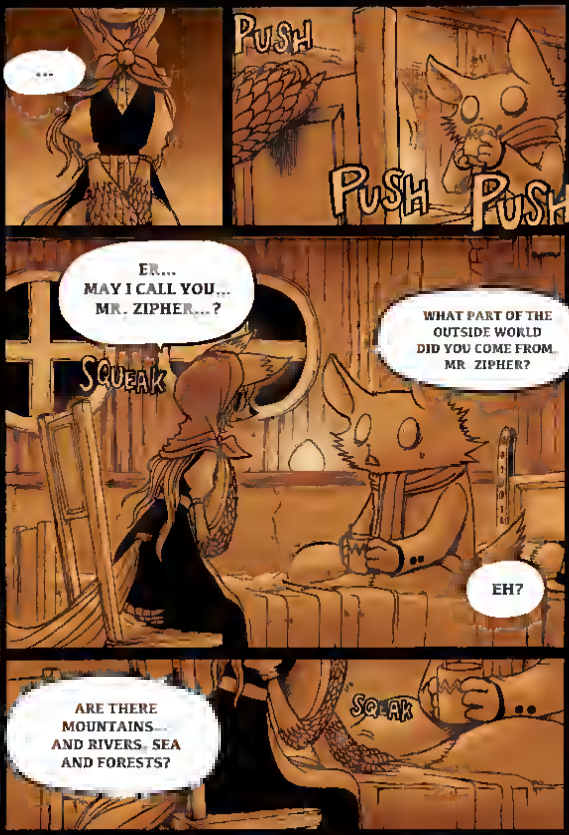
WELL, FIRST OF ALL,
GIGGLE
TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF, OLD MAN
WAH...
S... SORRY...!!
POP
I... IT'S OK...

WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT HER FOR?
HM?
EH!?
N... NO, I DIDN'T MEAN...
REGARDING YOUR BOX...
IT'S BEEN KEPT IN A SAFE PLACE... SO...
PLEASE DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT...
THEN...
Y... YOU CAN'T HAVE IT BACK JUST YET...!!
MOREOVER... YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO LEAVE MY HOUSE.
BECAUSE THIS... IS NOT THE PLACE TO BE FOR OUTSIDE WORLDERS TO BEGIN WITH...


AS SOON AS YOU RECOVER, YOU WILL LEAVE THE VILLAGE.
THIS IS THE ONLY ONE... AND VERY LAST PLACE FOR US.
BECAUSE WE... ARE NOT NORMAL...
...
MY NAME IS ZIPHER.
EH??
COULD YOU PLEASE TELL ME YOUR NAME?


DOMIKA...
MISS DOMIKA! I SEE, I SEE...!
Ask me too old man.
YOUR NAME HIDES THE NAME OF SOMEONE WHO SERVES GOD. YOUR KINDNESS BEFITS IT REALLY WELL.
YOU TOOK SUCH WARM AND TENDER CARE OF ME. IT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH.
I OWE YOU MY LIFE. THANK YOU.
Y... YOU'RE WELCOME...
AH...! THAT'S RIGHT...!
TAP TAP TAP

I WANTED TO GIVE YOU THIS WHEN YOU WOKE UP...
SORRY, I COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT IT
PLEASE DRINK IT.
I HEARD YOU WERE DEHYDRATED...
EH?
OH! THANK YOU...!
I'LL HAVE IT...

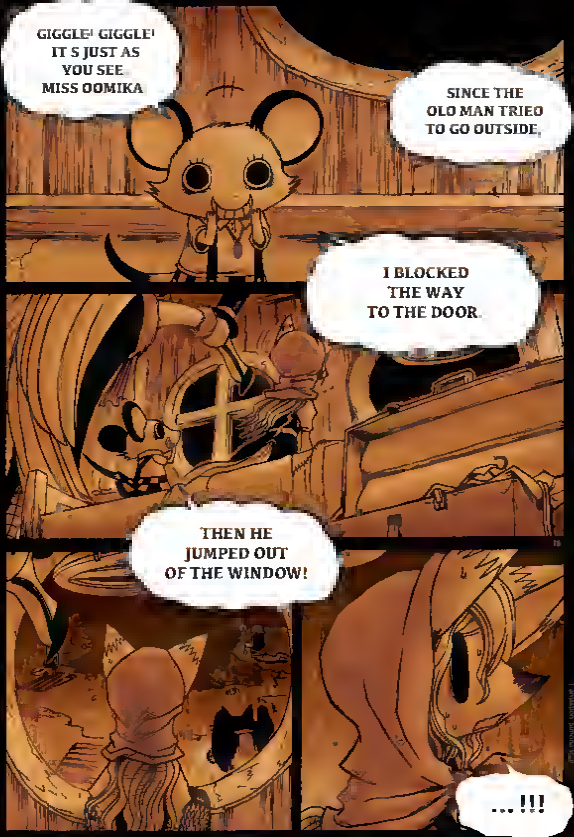

...
PUSH
PUSH
PUSH
ER... MAY I CALL YOU... MR. ZIPHER...?
SQUEAK
WHAT PART OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD DID YOU COME FROM, MR. ZIPHER?
EH?
ARE THERE MOUNTAINS... AND RIVERS, SEA AND FORESTS?
SQUEAK

YES. MOUNTAINS AND RIVERS AND FORESTS.
IF YOU TRAVEL A LITTLE FURTHER YOU LL ALSO FIND THE SEA AND SOME OPEN FIELDS
THEN... FLOWERS TOO...?
...
YES, OF COURSE. MANY FLOWERS.
F... FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT KIND OF FLOWERS...?
DOMIKA.

SORRY, I'LL GO AND GET DINNER READY.
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK, SO...
PLEASE REST...
SLAM
BY ALL MEANS, PLEASE DON'T GO OUTSIDE.
...
SORRY FOR COMING IN FROM THE BACK DOOR DOMIKA.
HOW IS HE DOING?
WELL...

WHEN HE WOKE UP HE WAS A BIT CONFUSED
HE SEEMED PREOCCUPIED WITH THAT BOX...
NOW IT LOOKS LIKE...
HE'S CALMED DOWN, THOUGH...
I SEE...
KAYOH AND COSITH ARE WITH THE VILLAGE CHIEF; BUT... MAYBE IT'S BETTER TO RAISE SECURITY LEVELS.
AT LEAST UNTIL WE FIGURE OUT WHAT HIS OBJECTIVE IS
I'M SORRY, MR. MALSUS...

IT'S OK.
MORE THAN THAT YOU BE CAREFUL
OUTSIDE WORLDERS CANNOT BE TRUSTED
KR-A A A N G
!?
WHAT WAS THAT NOISE!? MR. ZIPHER, MOLTE....
!!!


GIGGLE! GIGGLE!
IT S JUST AS
YOU SEE
MISS OOMIKA
SINCE THE
OLO MAN TRIEO
TO GO OUTSIDE,
I BLOCKED
THE WAY
TO THE DOOR.
THEN HE
JUMPED OUT
OF THE WINDOW!
...!!!

HE WAS CARRYING A WEIRD CYLINDER!
LIT
LIT
LIT
LIT
PANT!
PANT!
PANT!
PANT!
PANT!
HEH...
HEHEHE...
PANT!
PANT!
PANT!
HEHEHEHE...
HEHEHE...
PANT!

DASH
HUH!?
HEY!! WAIT, OUTSIDE WORLDER!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!!!
!
GO BACK TO DOMIKA'S HOUSE!!!
HA HA HA...

SLIP
!!
THUNK
THUMP
UGH.
BUMP
ARGH....!!
BUMP
KRAAAAN
OUCH...
...!!!

ZASH
!!!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
!!
WHY IS HE OUTSIDER?
RESIGN YOURSELF OUTSIDE WORLDER...!!
YOU HAVE NOWHERE TO RUN...!

I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS YOUR INTENTION, BUT...
BUZZ
BUZZ
SURRENDER.
BLAZE
WASH
STI-R
!!!
WHAT...!?

O... OH MY...!!
STOP, MR. ZIPHER!!
WHY...?!!!
OOPS!
DON'T GET ANY CLOSER, MISS DOMIKA
AND YOU SIRS BEHIND, TOO
!
IT'S DANGEROUS.
WELL, HOWEVER BE REASSURED

IT WILL BE OVER IN ONE SHOT
IT S ONLY FOR A MOMENT
!?
FZZ
!!!!
WAAAAAA
CUT IT!!!
IT'S A FUSE!
CUT THE FUSE BEFORE IT EXPLODES...!!
AAAA
POW

!?
BOOM
WHA ?
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE

SO, WELL...
WITH THIS ARRANGEMENT...
...
...I WANTED TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE AND OFFER MY APOLOGIES...
UM...
WAS IT THE FIRST TIME YOU SAW IT
A S...
...STRAIGHT THUN...ER...?
BUT THIS TIME, IT CAME FROM BELOW
BUZZ
BUZZ
...
...BY ANY CHANCE?
BUZZ

THAT IS...
TAP
TAP
I...LISTEN, MISTER...
THAT EXPLOSION IN THE SKY. WHAT'S IT CALLED?
I... IT WAS VERY BEAUTIFUL!
...
REALLY? I'M HAPPY YOU LIKED IT!
THAT...
...IS CALLED FIREWORKS...
STOMP

STOMP
STOMP
STOMP

DA AN
WOOSH
GULP
WZZ
YOU ARE...
...TAKING WAY TOO MANY LIBERTIES, OUTSIDE WORLDER.
I AM THE VILLAGE CHIEF, AINU.
STOMP

I HEARD THAT YOU WANTED TO SEE ME...
STOMP

WZZZ
FIRST OF ALL, THERE IS ONE THING I WANT TO ASK YOU, TOO.
WHAT IS THIS BOX?
ZU
SH
WHAT'S INSIDE?
ANSWER

...
OOOH...!
ZASH
!
Step
HOW GRAND AND MAGNIFICENT...!
IT IS AN HONOR TO MEET YOU, MISTER VILLAGE CHIEF AINU...!!
ZASH
FORGIVE ME FOR THE LATE INTRODUCTION MY NAME IS ZIPHER

IN SEARCH FOR THIS LAND... I TRAVELLED FROM FARAWAY TO REACH THE VARIANT VILLAGE
ZASH
I KNOW THAT EVERYBODY IN THIS VILLAGE IS GIFTED WITH MYSTERIOUS POWERS
I CAME HERE CLINGING TO MY HOPE IN REGARD TO THOSE POWERS
I AM AWARE I AM BEING IMPOLITE, BUT I BEG YOU...!!
TUMP
PLEASE...!!
PLEASE... WITH THIS VILLAGE'S POWERS...!!

RUMBLE
WITH THE POWERS OF THE VARIANT- I MEAN, "WIZARD VILLAGE"...
... COULD YOU PLEASE BRING MY DEAD LOVER BACK TO LIFE?
RUMBLE
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
RUMBLE
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I BEG YOU!

THE "LAND OF THE VARIANTS"--
THE WORLD OF THE VARIANTS
SHROUDED BY MIASMA.
THEY SAY THAT
SOMEWHERE AROUND
THERE LIES A VILLAGE
WHERE THE VARIANT PEOPLE
LIVE
THEY USE STRANGE
POWERS AND
MYSTERIOUS TOOLS
TO TWIST THE WORLD
THEY ARE
THE VARIANT WIZARDS
THEIR POWERS
ALLOW THEM
TO DO ANYTHING
THEY CAN EVEN...
...RESURRECT
THE DEAD--

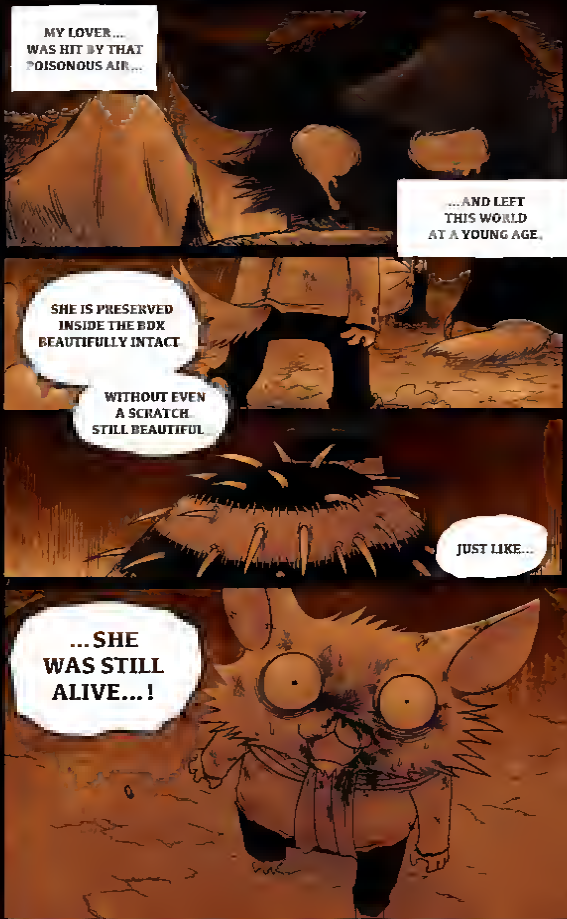
I BEG YOU...!
PLEASE...! WITH THIS VILLAGE'S POWERS COULD YOU
BRING HER BACK TO LIFE...?!
I BEG YOU PLEASE...!!
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ

BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
IS THAT... YOUR OBJECTIVE?
!
YES!!
INSIDE THIS BOX... !!
SORRY, BUT...
I CAN'T RESURRECT THAT LOVER OF YOURS OR WHATEVER.

?
EH?
LET'S GO KAYOH, COSITH.
WHA...? WAI... WAIT, PLEASE!!
EXCUSE ME, I'M BEGGING YOU!!
IF THERE IS ANY CONDITION FOR THAT, PLEASE TELL ME!!
ANYTHING...! I'LL DO ANYTHING...!!

SWISH
I BEG...
WHACK
!!!
IF YOU'LL DO ANYTHING... THEN SHUT UP
THUD
DON'T MAKE ME REPEAT IT EVER AGAIN. I CAN'T BRING HER BACK TO LIFE.

M...
MY... HOMETOWN...
...DAY AFTER DAY, IS EXPOSE...
...TO THE DANGERS OF THE PLAGUE COMING FROM THE SKY. THE "STRAIGHT THUNDERS" BY THE "SKY'S LOST CHILDREN"...
EVERY NOW AND THEN, "THOSE" COME FLYING DOWN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT
FROM THE REMOTE SKY
DESTROYING.
POISONING.
KILLING THE LAND


MY LOVER...
WAS HIT BY THAT
POISONOUS AIR...
...AND LEFT
THIS WORLD
AT A YOUNG AGE.
SHE IS PRESERVED
INSIDE THE BOX
BEAUTIFULLY INTACT
WITHOUT EVEN
A SCRATCH
STILL BEAUTIFUL
JUST LIKE...
...SHE
WAS STILL
ALIVE...!

WEB TOON CANVAS COMIC Frankenmonsters Wizard Village by Yo Yo Hongkong
Letter: Annie Harper

AH...
WZ
AAAH...
!
HOW RUDE OF ME... OH! I WAS HASTY AND UTTERED AN UNREASONABLE REQUEST
WZ
I WAS TERRIBLY... INSOLENT...
ZZ
ZZ
THEN... JUST WHEN MY DEHYDRATION WAS GETTING BETTER...
HA HA HA... I'M SORRY.
BECAUSE OF MY FOOLISHNESS...
THIS TIME I AM GOING TO TROUBLE YOU WITH THE TREATMENT OF MY WOUNDS...
SMILE
...

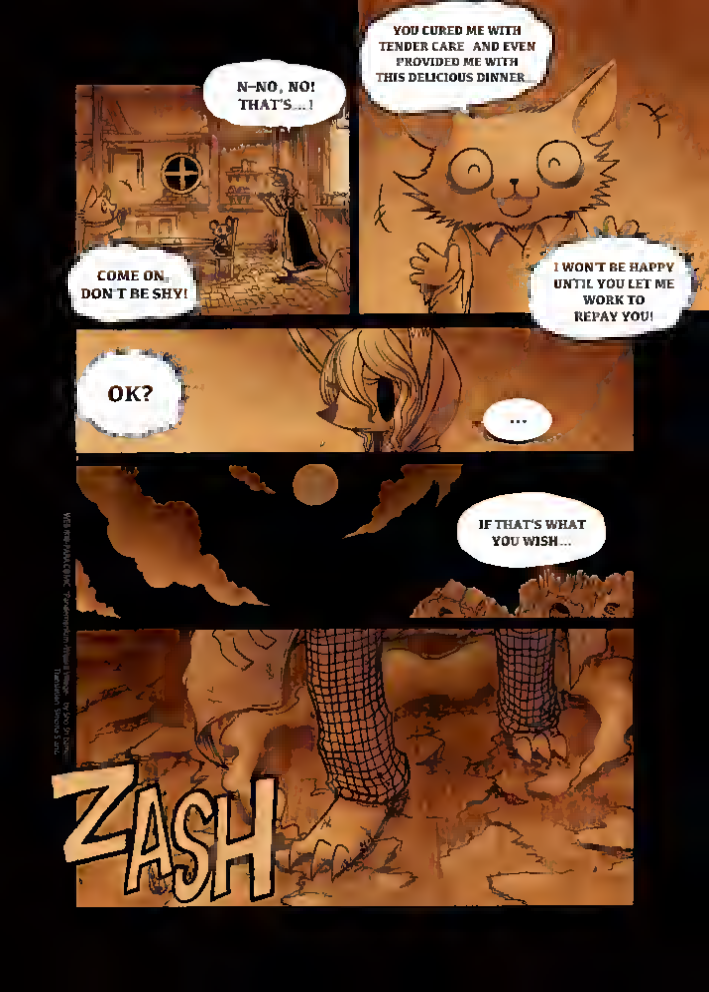
WHATEVER.
...
GLUG GLUG GLUG
GIGGLE! TOUGH LUCK, OLD MAN
EH?
YOU MADE ALL THAT EFFORT TO GET THOSE WOUNDS BUT
...THAT'S A TOTAL WASTE OF LABOR
GIGGLE GIGGLE
SQUEEZ
...?

I AM SORRY MR. ZIPHER, IT MAY STING A LITTLE...
EH?
A-HA...
SPLAT
...?
DRIP
DRI
HERE YOU GO. NOW YOU ARE GOING TO BE FINE
IT'S COMPLETELY HEALED
EH...?

EH!?
OH...?
I I'M HEALED!!?
DINNER'S READY.
?
?
NOT EVEN A SCAR...!?
IN AN INSTANT.
?
CREAK
PLEASE EXCUSE ME.
FLUP
TWINGT
!
TW TW TW
TWOONGT

PLEASE.
SPLISH
!!!
MUNCH
MUNCH
SUPERLICIOUS!!!
MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH
SHUT UP
OH? AND YOU... ?
MESSY
WE ATE WHILE YOU WERE UNCONSCIOUS
I SEE, I SEE...
FLUP
OOOH!
IT'S A SALAD!
AND THE MILK IS SO CREAMY!!
PUFF
TWING

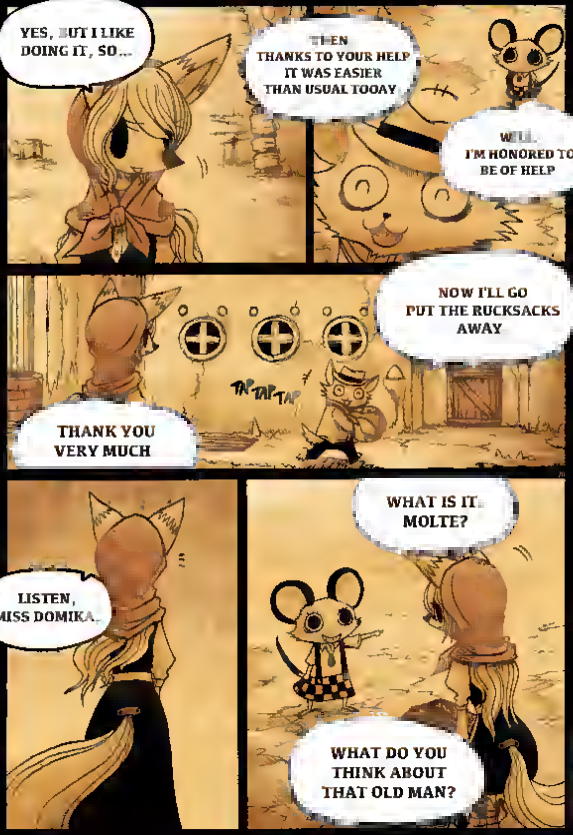
BUT ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS OF THE BOVINE RACE IN THIS VILLAGE... ?!
WHAT ARE THOSE? YOU HAVE MANY, HUH
OH, THESE ARE FOR TOMORROW...
THEY ARE LUNCH BAGS AND SWEETS SOME VILLAGERS ASKED ME TO MAKE FOR THEM
SINCE THERE ARE ONLY A FEW OF US, EACH ONE HAS A CERTAIN ROLE INSIDE THE VILLAGE...
MINE IS TO CLEAN, PREPARE FOOD, AND DELIVER IT...
I'LL HELP YOU TO DELIVER IT
EH?


N-NO, NO! THAT'S...!
COME ON, DON'T BE SHY!
YOU CURED ME WITH TENDER CARE AND EVEN PROVIDED ME WITH THIS DELICIOUS DINNER...
I WON'T BE HAPPY UNTIL YOU LET ME WORK TO REPAY YOU!
OK?
...
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WISH...
ZASH

ARE THE GUYS WHO FELL DOWN THE CLIFF ALL RIGHT?
SOMEHOW
IT'S A ROUGH ROAD AFTER THE OTHER. I DIDN'T REALIZE THAT THEY'RE NOT ONLY HARD TO WALK ON BUT ALSO BREAK EASILY.
YOU CAN WALK FOR DAYS IN THE LAND OF THE VARIANT AND NEVER GET BORED.
IT'S A LONG TRIP... THE MORALE OF THE TROOPS MUST BE GETTING LOW.
WE WILL REST UNTIL NOON TOMORROW.
ENCOURAGE EVERYBODY.
ROGER.

D-DAY IS FINALLY GETTING CLOSE
IT S THE DAY THAT WILL PUT AN END TO OUR MISSION
GWo
NOW, IN PREPARATION FOR THAT, WE MUST...
...GET PLENTY OF REST...
...AND GATHER ALL OUR STRENGTH...

CRACK
...?
IT'S REALLY HARD TO GO AROUND DELIVERING, HUH?
DO YOU DO IT EVERYDAY?

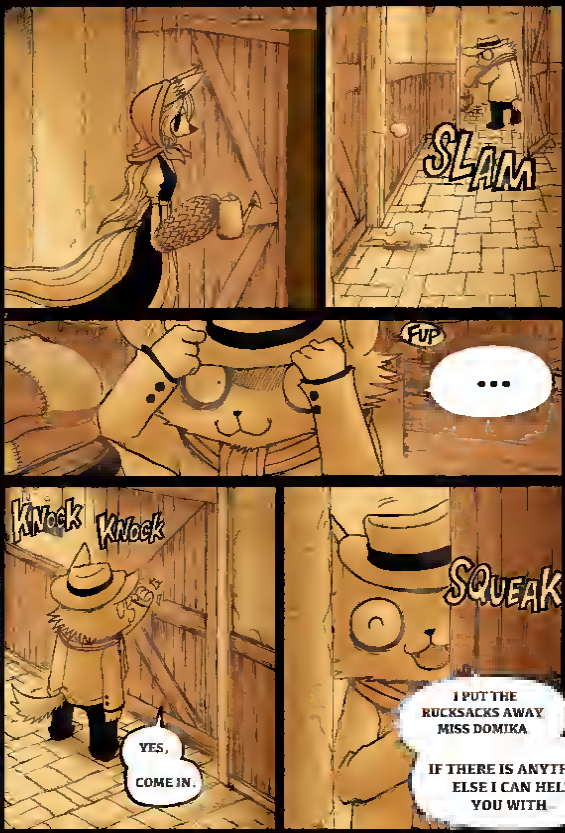

YES, BUT I LIKE DOING IT, SO...
THEN THANKS TO YOUR HELP IT WAS EASIER THAN USUAL TOOAY
WELL, I'M HONORED TO BE OF HELP
NOW I'LL GO PUT THE RUCKSACKS AWAY
TAP TAP TAP
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
LISTEN, MISS DOMIKA.
WHAT IS IT, MOLTE?
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THAT OLD MAN?

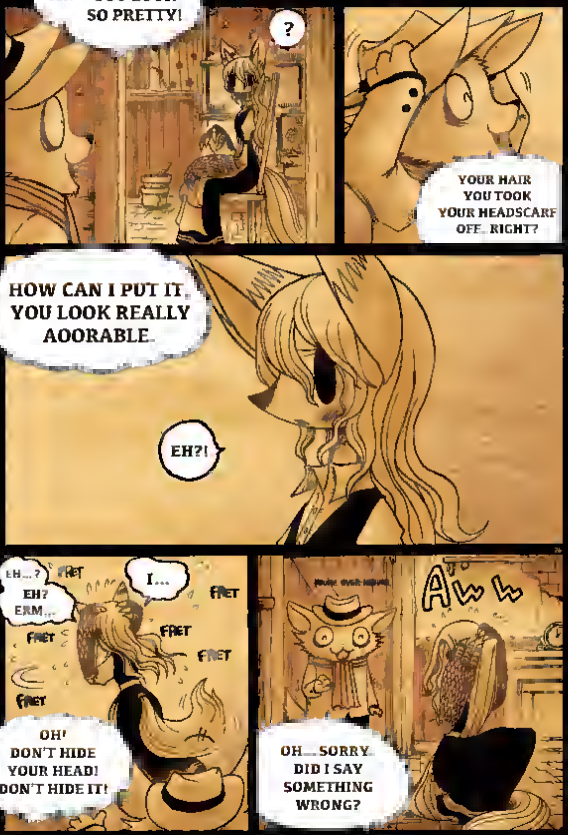
WELL...
IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S COMPLETELY WELL NOW, SO I GUESS I'M RELIEVED.
HE'S ALSO HELPING ME...
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN
WHO IS MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU, ME OR HIM?
EH...? WHAT...

NO... IT'S NOTHING.
FORGET IT.
I CAN SEE WHAT THAT OLD MAN IS THINKING
STAY ALERT, MISS DOMIKA.
YOU MUST NOT SHOW HIM SYMPATHY.
BECAUSE HE WILL SURELY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOU
...

IT'S UNMISTAKABLE.
IN THESE TWO DAYS I HAD THE PROOF
THEY ARE NOT NORMAL
...
THEY ARE THE VARIANTS... THEY USE MYSTERIOUS TOOLS GROW VARIANT PLANTS AND THEIR STRANGE POWERS ALLOW THEM TO DO ANYTHING
IT'S REALLY LIKE THE LEGEND
THEN, WHY DIDN T THE VILLAGE CHIEF LISTEN TO MY PRAYER? IT'S SIMPLE
IT'S BECAUSE I AM AN "OUTSIDE WORLDER".

IF THAT'S THE CASE...I'LL GO ALL OUT TO WORM MYSELF INTO THIS VILLAGE
ALLEY
THEN I'LL...
...GET THEM TO BRING HER BACK TO LIFE.
AT ANY COST
WHATEVER IT TAKES—
SQUEAK


SLAM
PUP
...
Knock
Knock
YES,
COME IN.
SQUEAK
I PUT THE RUCKSACKS AWAY MISS DOMIKA
IF THERE IS ANYTHING ELSE I CAN HELP YOU WITH


OH! YOU LOOK SO PRETTY!
?
YOUR HAIR YOU TOOK YOUR HEADSCARF OFF.. RIGHT?
HOW CAN I PUT IT.. YOU LOOK REALLY AOORABLE..
EH?!
EH...?
EH? ERM...
FRET
I...
OH! DON'T HIDE YOUR HEAD! DON'T HIDE IT!
Aw h
OH... SORRY.. DID I SAY SOMETHING WRONG?

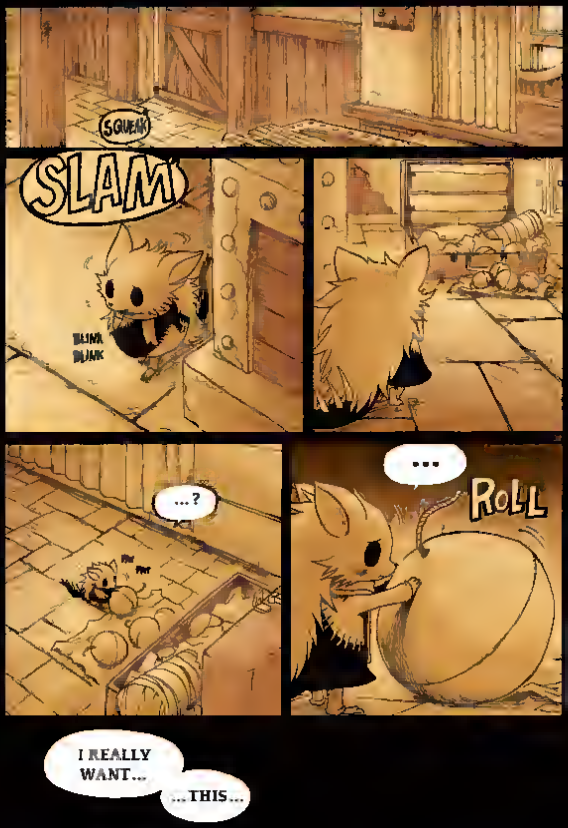
BUT I REALLY THOUGHT YOU WERE PRETTY...
...
AND THE WORDS JUST CAME OUT OF MY MOUTH...
Shiny
OH!
IT'S A FREESIA, RIGHT?
EH?
WOW! IT FEELS LIKE A LONG TIME SINCE I LAST SMELT THE SCENT OF A PLANT
sniff sniff
BECAUSE IN THE "LAND OF THE VARIANTS" THERE ARE NO FLOWERS NOR TREES...
COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU'RE RIGHT. THESE FLOWERS ARE... UM... FROM THE "OUTSIDE WORLD"?
YES...

WE REGULARLY GO TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD TO GATHER...
...GOODS WE CAN'T GET HERE.
SINCE IT IS DANGEROUS TO GO THERE, ONLY THE MEN SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO GO BUT I ALWAYS BEG THEM AND THEY LET ME JOIN.
YOU LIKE FLOWERS, HUH?
BUT... IT SEEMS THAT OUTSIDE WORLD FLOWERS CANNOT BE GROWN IN THIS SOIL...
BECAUSE THEY DO NOT BELONG TO THIS LAND...
THEN I DON'T EVEN KNOW THEIR NAMES!
AND NOBODY KNOWS HOW TO GROW THEM.
I AM TRYING MANY METHODS, BUT THEY MOSTLY WITHER...

MR. ZIPHER... DO YOU KNOW ABOUT FLOWERS?
WELL...
I PERSONALLY HAVEN'T GROWN MANY, BUT...
I GOT INFLUENCED BY "HER" AND I LIKE THEM A LOT
SHE WAS ALWAYS GIVING OFF THE SCENT OF FLOWERS...
IT WOULD CHANGE WITH THE SEASON
FROM WINTER TO SPRING YOU COULD SMELL THE STRONG SCENT OF FREESIA...
THAT'S RIGHT..! IF YOU LIKE, SHALL I TELL YOU WHAT I KNOW?
!

I DO HAVE SOME BITS OF KNOWLEDGE–
MISTER ZIPHER
ER... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
EH?
YOU'RE CRYING...
DROP
DROP
DROP
O...
OH?

UWAH... WHAT'S THIS? HA HA HA...
WHAT AM I DOING...?
S-SORRY, IT'S SO RUDE OF ME...
WAAAAH!
MR. ZI HER...
D... DAMN...!
OH...?
OH...?
I CAN'T...
WHAT'S GOING ON... THEY WON'T STOP...
THEY WON'T STOP...


SQUEAK
SLAM
BLINK BLINK
...?
...
ROLL
I REALLY WANT...
...THIS...

I VE GOT THE IMPRESSION THAT ONE OF THESE IS MISSING...
BUT MY RECOLLECTION IS VAGUE AND I HAVEN'T COUNTED THEM SINCE I CAME TO THE VILLAGE
THEN A LOT OF THINGS HAPPENED...
DAMN...
CRYING AT A TIME LIKE THAT...

SPLURT
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
...
WZZ
MISTER, THAT'S POISON!
!?
SPLUR
T

YOU MUST USE THE WATER FROM THE RAINWATER TANK FOR DRINKING
OH
YOU ARE THE ONE WHO PRAISED THE FIREWORKS LAST NIGHT, RIGHT?
EH...?
DO YOU REMEMBER ME, MISTER?
OF COURSE
WE MET MANY TIMES AFTER THAT, DIDN'T WE?
OH... YES...
LISTEN... MISTER...
YES?
YOU KNOW, I... WHAT'S IT CALLED FIREWORKS...?
I LIKED THAT A LOT... I REALLY WISH... I COULD SEE IT AGAIN...

I'M HAPPY ABOUT THAT!
SHALL I DO IT AGAIN TONIGHT, THEN?
HOW MANY DO YOU WANT ME TO SHOOT?
!
E... ER... FOU... UM...
TWO... MAYBE...?
ARE YOU SURE TWO IS ENOUGH?
I CAN DO FOUR TOO YOU KNOW?
!!
I'LL SET EVERYTHING UP. COME TO THE SQUARE BY SEVEN O'CLOCK!
TAP TAP TAP
YES!

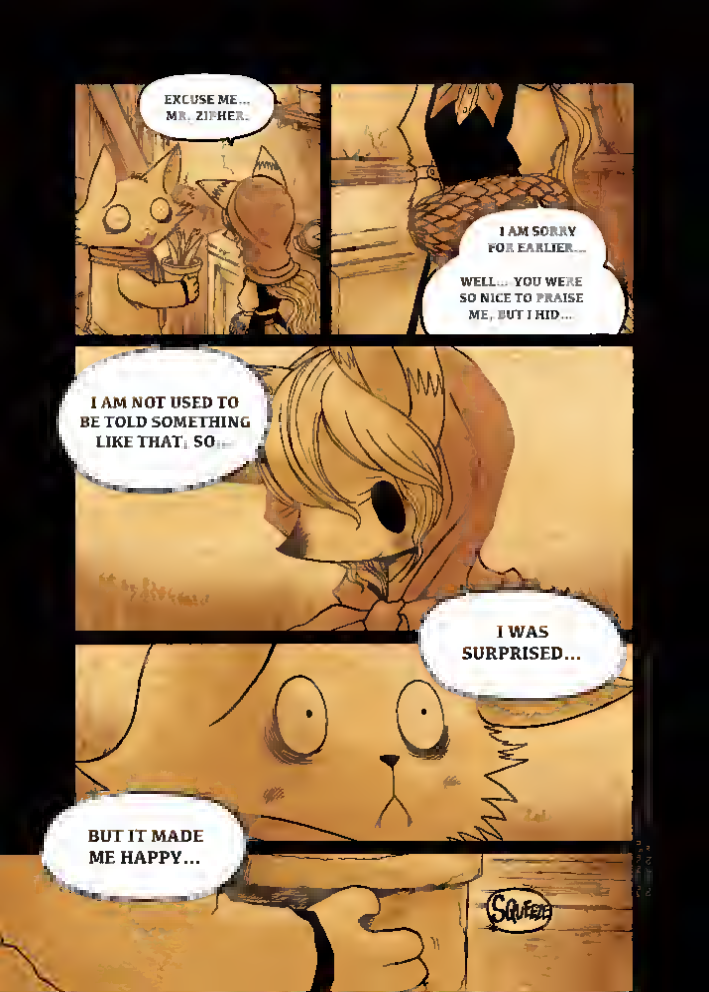
SOH
GUNK
THAT WATER IS POISON TOO OLD MAN
!?
BLURGH
OR ARE YOU PLANNING TO GET A BELLY ACHE TO STAY HERE LONGER THIS TIME?
COUGH
COUGH!
COUGH!
COUGH!
GLUNK
WHAT ABOUT... YOU...?

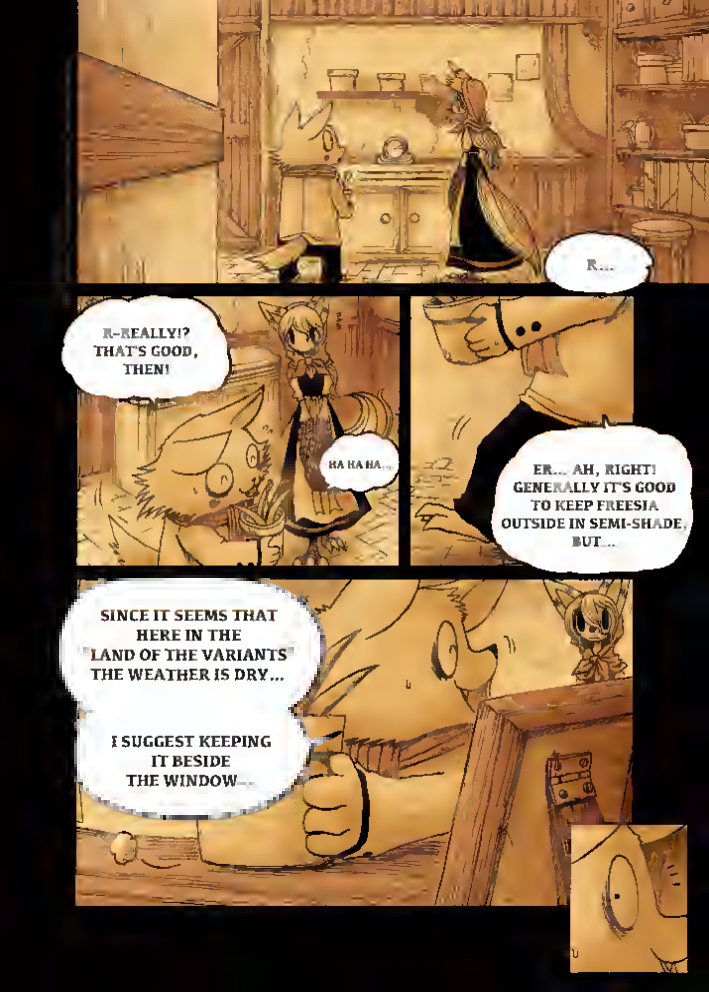
YOU'RE AN "OUTSIDE WORLDER," LIKE ME, AREN'T YOU?
GIGGLE
NOPE.
I AM MISS DOMIKA'S DAUGHTER.
NO WAY...
You don't seem like a thief at all.
WHY... DID YOU COME TO THIS VILLAGE?
YOU'RE A PUSHY OLD MAN
CLINK
IT'S NO BIG REASON.

I WANTED TO TRY TO DIE ONCE
EH?
I WANTED TO TRY
TO DIE ONCE DURING MY LIFETIME
GIGGLE
MORE IMPORTANT, OLD MAN- HOW LONG DO YOU INTEND TO KEEP RUNNING AROUND BUTTERING UP EVERYBODY?
YOU CAN'T STAY IN THIS VILLAGE THAT LONG
YOU NEED TO ACT MORE

YOU WANT TO HAVE HER RESURRECTED WITH MAGIC, RIGHT...
...MISTER ZIPHER?
EXCUSE ME... HOW MUCH WATER SHOULD I GIVE IT?
EH? AH– SORRY, I WAS DISTRACTED...
LET ME SEE...

...
YES, THIS IS JUST RIGHT!
!
THIS AMOUNT WILL DO!
FREESIA IS PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO DEHYDRATION AFTER BUDS APPEAR SO
MAKE SURE YOU CHECK THE SOIL'S MOISTURE LEVEL OFTEN
YES...


EXCUSE ME... MR. ZIPHER.
I AM SORRY FOR EARLIER...
WELL... YOU WERE SO NICE TO PRAISE ME, BUT I HID...
I AM NOT USED TO BE TOLD SOMETHING LIKE THAT, SO...
I WAS SURPRISED...
BUT IT MADE ME HAPPY...
SQUEEK


R...
R-REALLY!? THAT'S GOOD, THEN!
HA HA HA...
ER... AH, RIGHT! GENERALLY IT'S GOOD TO KEEP FREESIA OUTSIDE IN SEMI-SHADE, BUT...
SINCE IT SEEMS THAT HERE IN THE LAND OF THE VARIANTS THE WEATHER IS DRY...
I SUGGEST KEEPING IT BESIDE THE WINDOW...

OH, THIS PICTURE IS...
AH, THAT'S...
OOOH! HOW CUTE! IS THAT YOU, MISS DOMIKA?
YES, IT WAS MADE WHEN I WAS 8 YEARS OLD...
YOU ALWAYS LIKED FLOWERS, I SEE
OH... THAT WAS JUST A WEED.
AT THAT TIME I COULDN'T EVEN SPOT THE DIFFERENCE.
FLUSTER FLUSTER
HA HA HA!
I SEE.

AND YET, IT'S REALLY WELL DRAWN, ISN'T IT?
YES,
THE VILLAGE CHIEF PAINTED IT
ARE YOU IN CLOSE TERMS— WITH THE VILLAGE CHIEF?
YES
HE'S TAKEN GOOD CARE OF ME SINCE I WAS LITTLE...
FOR ME HE'S LIKE A FATHER...
MISS DOMIKA

IF YOU DON T MIND, COULD YOU PLEASE TAKE ME TO THE VILLAGE CHIEF S HOUSE?
EH ... ? BUT...
DON T WORRY. I ABSOLUTELY WON'T DO ANYTHING RUDE.
AND IT'D BE ENOUGH FOR YOU TO JUST SHOW ME THE WAY
I WANT TO GREET HIM AGAIN
ER...
GRAB
!
I BEG YOU PLEASE.

PLEASE, I'M BEGGING YOU.

ZASH
ZASH
IT S QUITE FAR OUT IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE VILLAGE. HM..
ZASH
IS THERE STILL A LONG WAY TO WALK?
NO...
JUST A LITTLE MORE.
MISTER ZIPHER DION'T YOU NOTICE SOMETHING?
YES...
I WAS THINKING THAT IT S A BIT OF A STRANGE LOCATION FOR A RESIDENCE

GIGGLE
YUP.
HE LIVES IN
A STRANGE PLACE,
HUH.
TAP TAP
GIGGLE
GIGGLE
...?

DON'T NEED ANY USELESS PREAMBLE
I KNOW WHAT YOU WANT
I ALSO THOUGHT YOU D SHOW UP AGAIN BY NOW

SO I'LL TELL YOU RIGHT AWAY.
THAT S USELESS.
I CAN'T BRING YOUR LOVER OR WHATEVER BACK TO LIFE.
IF THAT S ALL YOU CAME FOR LEAVE.

N....NO... I....
WHAT?
ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU CAME FOR A CHIT CHAT?
DON'T THINK SO.
WHAT'S WRONG? DID I SPOIL YOUR START RIGHT AWAY?

I AM AWARE THAT MINE IS AN UNREASONABLE REQUEST
I AM AN "OUTSIDE WORLDER"...
AND I DON'T EVEN HAVE ANY MONEY TO COMPENSATE YOU
BUT...!! I BEG YOU. THIS IS THE LAST THING I'LL EVER ASK...!
IF IT IS ENOUGH, I WILL GLADLY GIVE MY LIFE IN EXCHANGE...!!
I BEG YOU... PLEASE, BRING HER BACK TO LIFE...!!
PLEASE...!!

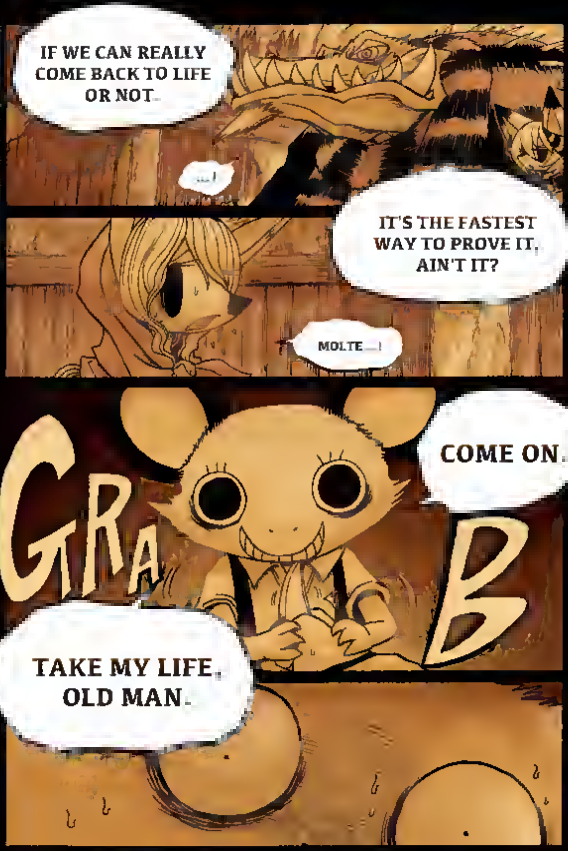
I TOLD YOU.. YOU CAN ASK AS MANY TIMES AS YOU WANT.. IT'LL BE USELESS..
WE DON'T HAVE THAT POWER..
... !!
T... THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE...! IN JUST ONE DAY I SPENT IN THIS VILLAGE..
I SAW MANY INSTANCES OF MAGIC USED BY THE VILLAGERS WITH MY OWN EYES!
YOU PEOPLE ARE SPECIAL!
YOUR POWERS ARE REAL!!
HAH! BUT YOU MUST HAVE SEEN IT COMING HERE..
EH?

SOMETHING THAT...
...ACCORDING TO YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE.
...?
OH...
THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING.

WE DON T HAVE ANY SPECIAL POWERS.
THIS VILLAGE'S PEOPLE DIE TOO.
THAT'S THE END.
...
HEE...
HEE HEE HEE...

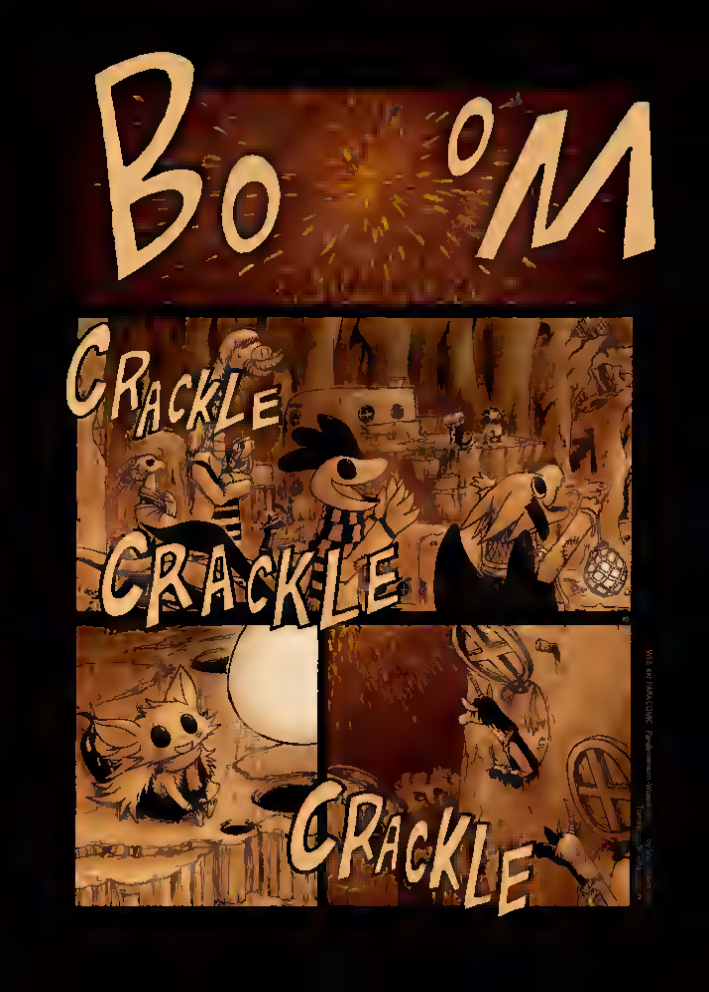
I SEE...
I GOT IT...
RUMBLE
SO THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD IS NOT AN EASY TASK EVEN GIVEN YOUR POWERS
THAT'S WHY YOU ARE RELUCTANT
YES, I'M SURE
THERE'S NO MISTAKE
RUMBLE
SNAP
RUMBLE
YOU...!!
HEY, OLD MAN.

YOU JUST DON'T GET IT, DO YOU?
SWISH!
HERE.
SWIPE
...?
CLA
CK
AS A TEST, TRY TO KILL ME.
THEN YOU'LL UNDERSTAND.

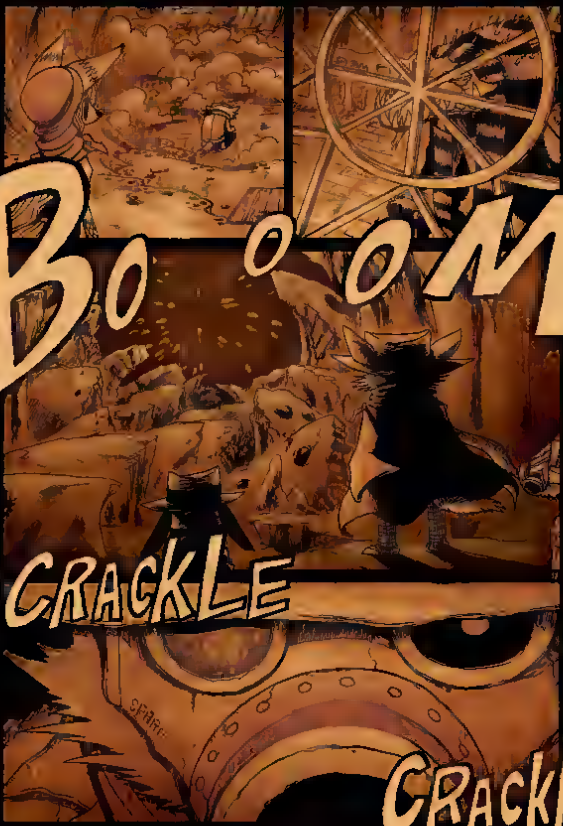

IF WE CAN REALLY COME BACK TO LIFE OR NOT.
...!
IT'S THE FASTEST WAY TO PROVE IT, AIN'T IT?
MOLTE...!
GRAB
COME ON.
TAKE MY LIFE, OLD MAN.

HA... HA HA HA... THAT'S SILLY...
I CAN'T DO THAT...!
I CAN'T DO...
...SUCH A THING...
CLACK
TAP TAP
MOLTE...!!
TUP

SQUEEZE
...
KAYOH....
CAN YOU ESCORT THE THREE OF THEM...?
SQUEAK
THE MEETING IS OVER
THERE S NO POINT IN TALKING ANY FURTHER
GO AWAY


BOOM
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE

THE VARIANT VILLAGERS...
MYSTERIOUS TOOLS...
THE VARIANT LANDSCAPE...
THERE S NO MISTAKE... THERE SHOULD BE NO MISTAKE...
THERE SHOULD BE NO MISTAKE, BUT... THERE SHOULD BE NO MISTAKE, BUT...!!
I...!!!



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NEVER THOUGHT WE'D MEET A PERSON IN THE LAND OF THE VARIANTS.
ME NEITHER. I THOUGHT THERE WAS SOMEONE SHOOTING OFF FIREWORKS SOMEWHERE. BUT...
...I NEVER THOUGHT I'D RUN INTO SUCH A BIG GROUP.
AND YOU LOOK PRETTY VICIOUS
THIS IS NECESSARY EQUIPMENT, YOU KNOW.

AT ANY RATE, I'M SORRY.
FORGIVE MY MEN'S RUDENESS. THEY'RE A BIT NERVOUS.
I ALREADY PAID THEM BACK.
HOW.
ARE YOU INVESTIGATING ABOUT THE STRAIGHT THUNDERS?
CHK
YEAH.
CLANK
BECAUSE THIS PLACE IS ASSOCIATED WITH EVIDENCE AND RUMORS RELATED TO THAT.

YOU TOO, RIGHT?
I HEARD ABOUT IT. A CERTAIN BRIGADE BASED IN THE TOWN CALLED ARKHAMHEIM...
WHO'S ON AN ENDLESS JOURNEY TO ELIMINATE THE CAUSE OF THE STRAIGHT THUNDERS.
ISN'T THAT YOU?
WHO KNOWS...

CLANK
WELL
IT DOESN'T
MATTER.
CAN I GO
NOW?
I ALMOST
HAD TO GO
BACK BECAUSE
OF LACK OF
PREPARATION.
SO I STOPPED BY
ARKHAMHEIM
AS WELL,
NOT LONG AGO.
!
THE TOWNS
ABOUND THE
LAND OF THE VABIANTS
ALL SUFFERED SERIOUS
DAMAGE FROM THE
STRAIGHT THUNDERS
BUT I NEVER
SAW ANYTHING
AS TERRIBLE
ANYWHERE ELSE.

HOWEVER THE TOWN PEOPLE WERE WORN OUT BUT BRIMMING WITH HOPE.
THEY WERE LONGING FOR THE RETURN OF THE BRIGADE.
I PRAY THAT YOUR JOURNEY WILL GO WELL THIS TIME.

Wild Bill Comic "Tombstone Wasteland" by Pro Dreamer
Translation: Shadow Sensei

WHACK
DON'T MAKE ME REPEAT IT AGAIN!!
HOW LONG DO YOU INTEND TO STAY HERE!?
...
YOUR DEHYDRATION AND WOUNDS HAVE ALREADY HEALED
YES.. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU
BUT I RECEIVE CONSTANT REQUESTS FOR FIREWORKS, SO
GRAB
I TOLD YOU TO STOP THOSE FIREWORKS!!!
!

I KNOW WHAT YOU DID! SOME DAYS AGO YOU WERE RUDE TO THE VILLAGE CHIEF IN HIS OWN HOUSE!
IF YOU KEEP DOING YOUR WORST IN THIS VILLAGE ..!
SQUEZ
PLEASE, STOP!!
LET GO OF MR ZIPHER!!
DON'T HURT HIM, PLEASE!!!
I'M TELLING YOU, DOMIKA.
IE I DON'T SHOW HIM, THIS GUY S GOING TO SQUAT IN THE VILLAGE EOREVER! THAT'S HOW HE IS?!
T... THAT'S NOT...!!
CALM DOWN, THE TWO OF YOU!

ZIPHER DOMIKA TOLD YOU, DIDN T SHE?
YOU COULD STAY HERE ONLY UNTIL YOU RECOVERED.
THAT'S THE DEAL.
BESIDES, NOT A FEW VILLAGERS ARE AFRAID OF THE NOISE AND LIGHT FROM THE FIREWORKS.
I AM SORRY ABOUT THAT. I SEE...
IN OTHER WORDS, NOISY ONES ARE UNDESIRABLE. I UNDERSTAND!!
WUSH
THEN I HAVE SOME QUIETER ONES...

WHA
MR. ZIPHER!!
CUT IT OUT, MARCO!! THE KIDS ARE WATCH...
UGH...!
HEE HEE HEE...
I GOT HURT... AGAIN... BUT IT WILL HEAL RIGHT AWAY WITH MAGIC... HEE HEE HEE...
HEE HEE HEE HEE...
...!
FIREWORKS ARE OVER!!
EVERYBODY GO HOME!!

COME ON! QUICK!!
THE OUTSIDE WORLD MAN GOT SCOLDED AGAIN... UH
SIGH! NO MORE FIREWORKS FOR US
I.... LISTEN— DO YOU WANT TO SEE MORE?
Y...
YOU KNOW, I ACTUALLY HAVE ONE
COME WITH ME I'LL SHOW IT TO YOU IF YOU LIKE

...
UMPH.
THEY'RE ALL JUST A HOPELESS BUNCH
CLICK
ARE YOU REALLY ALL RIGHT MR. ZIPHER?
HA HA HA... YES, I AM!
JUST A LITTLE CUT INSIDE MY MOUTH, THAT'S ALL...
HEAVE-HO
HEAVE-HO
I'M FINE, SEE?

BUT...
JUST IN CASE... LET ME CURE YOU...
YOU MIGHT HAVE SOME INJURY YOU HAVEN'T REALIZED
COME ON, LET'S GO BACK HOME...
MR. ZIPHER?
HOLD THIS...
EH?
DON'T LET IT GO...
?
FRZZ

!!!
TWICH
WOOSH
OOPS!
...!
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
DON'T BE AFRAID. IT S NOT GOING TO EXPLODE.
IS THIS...
...A FIREWORK, TOO?
IT'S LOVELY...

THE PECULIAR SMELL OF FIREWORKS
IT'S DIFFERENT FROM THE SCENT OF FLOWERS, OF COURSE, BUT ALSO FROM BURNT SMELL...
COME TO THINK OF IT, MR. ZIPHER HAS THE SAME SMELL...
OH...!
MY HOMETOWN...
THROB
!!
...WAS A SMALL AND POOR TOWN...
...WITH MODEST VEGETATION AND POPULATION
...?
IT WAS ABOUT... JUST A BIT BIGGER THAN THIS VILLAGE
TUP

I WAS BORN FROM A GUNSMITH FAMILY.
MY PARENTS DIED IN AN ACCIDENT SHORTLY AFTER MY BIRTH.
YOSSH!
!
I GOT TAKEN IN BY SOME RELATIVES, BUT...
...IN SPITE OF MY YOUNG AGE, I COULDN'T FIT IN.
I WAS ALWAYS ALONE.
THEN, ONE DAY I MET HER.

I LEARNT A LOT OF FUN THINGS FROM HER.
FLOWER NAMES AND KINDS. VARIOUS FOLK TALES FOLK SONGS.
WE WENT CAMPING TOGETHER. HELPED EACH OTHER ON OUR ERRANDS. ATE TOGETHER.
SHE MADE THIS HAT AND COAT FOR ME.
SHE WOULD FIND ME WHEN I WAS ALONE AND SPENT A LOT OF TIME WITH ME

SHE WAS THE ONLY ONE I WOULD OPEN MY HEART TO.
BUT I WAS MORE THAN HAPPY.
REALLY...
EVERYDAY WAS SO MUCH FUN.
I WAS FINE ALONE BEFORE I MET HER.
BECAUSE I WAS SO LITTLE WHEN I LOST THEM
I HAD NO MEMORY OF MY PARENTS, NOR THEIR FACES.

I DIDN'T HAVE FEELINGS FOR THEM EITHER...
BUT I HAD A COMPLEX ABOUT THAT.
I WAS AFRAID I WOULDN'T BE ABLE...
...TO LOVE ANYONE.
I LEARNT HOW TO MAKE FIREWORKS...
...TO SHOW HER MY GRATITUDE

THAT'S WHY I MUST CONTINUE DOING FIREWORKS HERE
AS LONG AS THERE IS A POSSIBILITY...
TO MEET HER AGAIN...
ZASH
MISS DOMIKA...?

I'M SORRY...
EH?
I'M SORRY, MR. ZIPHER...
I...
...CAN'T DO ANYTHING FOR YOU...!
W... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YOU'VE ALREADY DONE SO MUCH...
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN!
WE... CANNOT USE MAGIC...!!

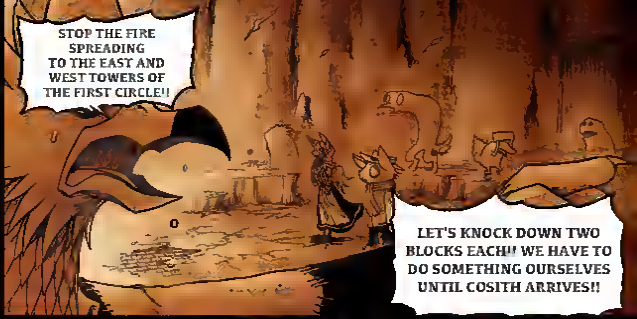
SOMETHING LIKE BRINGING YOUR BELOVED ONE BACK TO LIFE...!!
WE CANNOT DO IT... !!!
WE CAN DO NOTHING...!!!
T... THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE...!

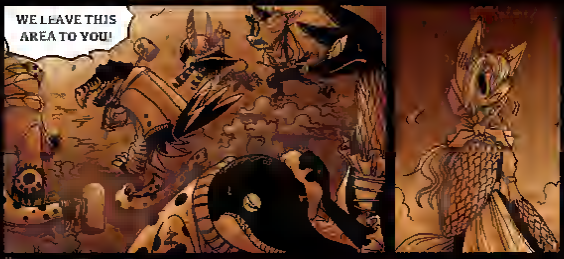
THIS IS THE "WIZARD VILLAGE" AND...!
...ALL OF YOU CAN USE MAGIC...!!
THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT...!!!
NO... WE DON'T HAVE MYSTERIOUS POWERS...
NOTHING...!!
NOTHING ...!!
...!!
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!!!
WHY... WHY ARE YOU ALL LYING?!!
WE ARE NOT LYING!!

SO WHAT ARE ALL THOSE INSTANCES OF MAGIC!?
MYSTERIOUS DISHES!! GLEAMING STONES!!
DIDN'T YOU CURE MY WOUNDS IN A FLASH?!!
...!!
IF YOU DON T BELIEVE ME, THEN I'LL SHOW YOU...!
!
RISE
THE TRUE FORM...
...OF THIS VILLAGE...!!!

BOOM
...!?
EH...?
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
THAT'S...!!

GWO
...!!


STOP THE FIRE SPREADING TO THE EAST AND WEST TOWERS OF THE FIRST CIRCLE!!
LET'S KNOCK DOWN TWO BLOCKS EACH!! WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING OURSELVES UNTIL COSITH ARRIVES!!


WE LEAVE THIS AREA TO YOU!

LET'S GO BACK IN!! THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE INSIDE!!!

DASH

Gwo
O
O
O
PULL BACK!!
!!
MALSUS!!
THESE ARE THE LAST ONES WHO FAILED TO ESCAPE
APPARENTLY SOMETHING EXPLODED IN THE BACK...!!

THE PRINCIPAL POST OF THE CENTRAL CIRCLE WAS BLOWN UP
SOON THIS PLACE TOO
DON'T TELL ME... IT WAS YOU...!!?
NO!!!
MR ZIPHER WAS WITH ME ALL DAY... IT CAN T BE HIM!!
MR. MALSUS...
!!

DON'T...!
THERE'S STILL SOMEONE...
BROW IS STILL... IN THE BACK...!!
!!!
WE... BROW... SAID HE'LL DO THE FIREWORKS IN THE COURT OF THE HOUSING COMPLEX...
SO WE WENT TO SEE THEM, BUT...
...SUDDENLY THERE WAS AN EXPLOSION AT THE BACK...!
PLEASE... HELP HIM...! GO HELP HIM...!!

OTHERWISE...
OTHERWISE BROW...!!
BROW WILL DIE ...!!!
CRACK
!
GET AWAY, PEOPLE!!! THE CEILING'S COLLAPSING!!!

ARRANG
!?
MR. ZIPHER!?
WHY... IS EVERYBODY SO FLUSTERED...?
DIE...?

IN THIS VILLAGE ANY WOUND GETS HEALED AND THE DEAD CAN COME BACK TO LIFE...
...!?
SO... THERE'S NO WAY...
...SOMEONE'S EVER GONNA DIE...!!
!!!

MR. ZIPHER... !!

AN INVITATION?
YES.
I WANT TO GIVE YOU A PRESENT.
GIGGLE - NOT NOW BUT EXPRESSLY TONIGHT?
YES, EXPRESSLY TONIGHT. ARE YOU FREE?
OF COURSE!
EVEN IF I WASN'T. YOU KNOW I ALWAYS GIVE PRIORITY TO FUN THINGS
HA HA HA! THAT'S RIGHT.

SEE YOU TONIGHT, THEN, ANNA
SKRAAA
!

RUMBLE
UGH...
RUMBLE
WHAT IS IT...?
RU M
WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED...?
BLE
IT WAS— A SUDDEN SUCCESSION OF THUNDEROUS ROARS AND SHOCKS—
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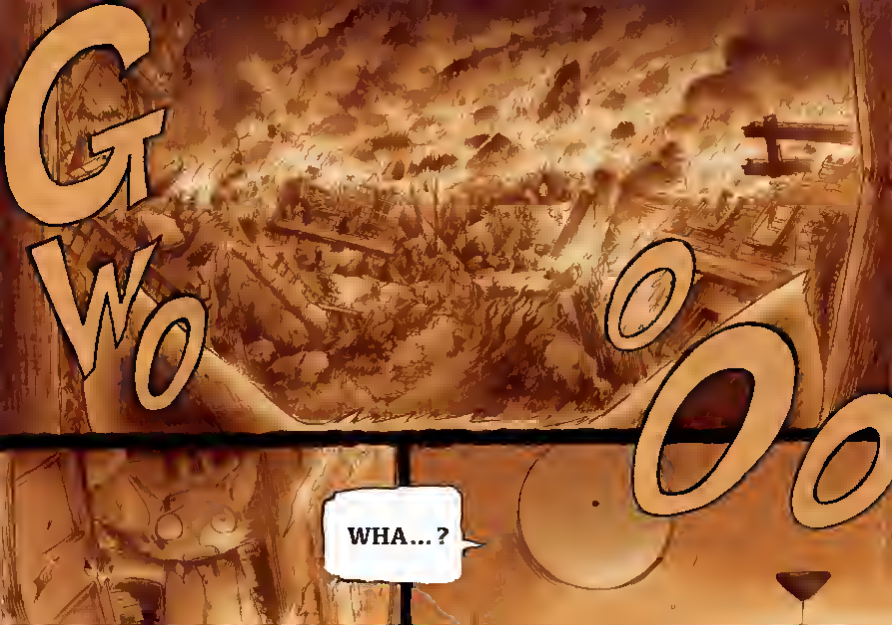
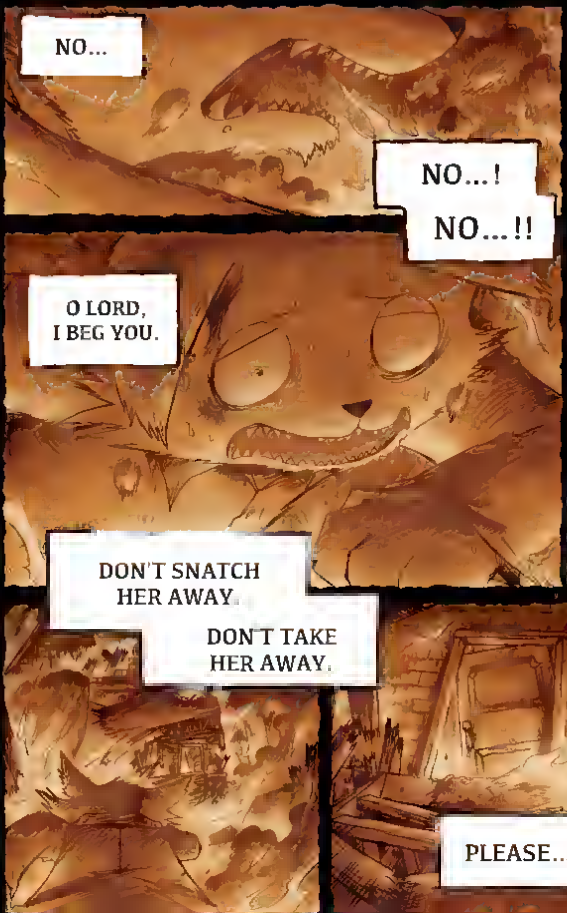
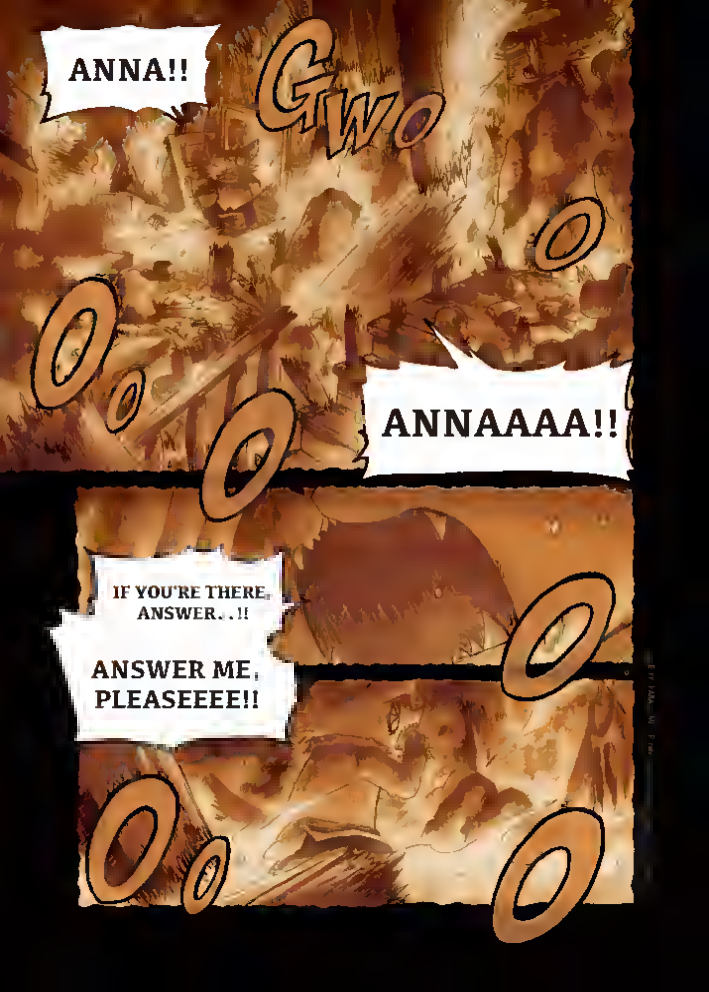

GWOOOO
WHA... ?

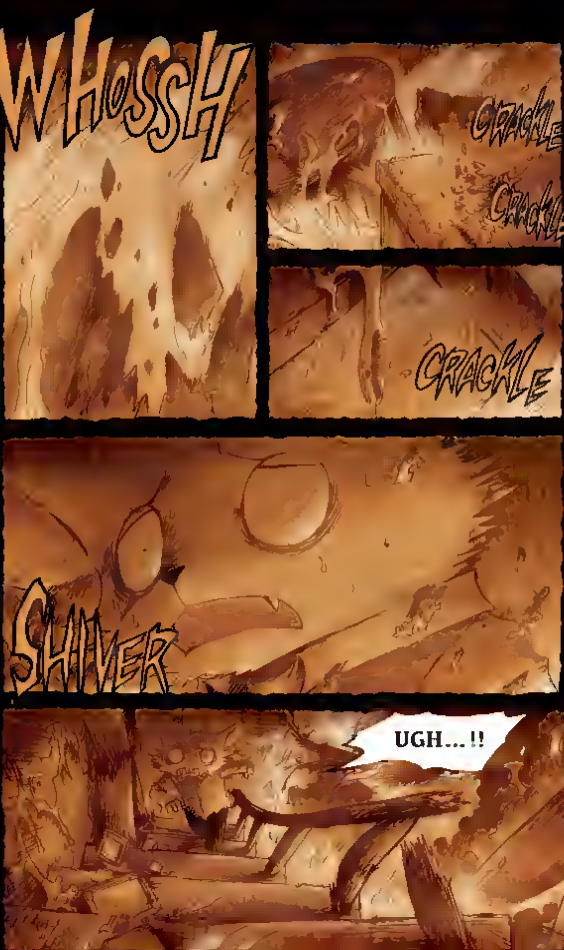
EVACUATE, QUICK!!
OR WE'LL GET KILLED BY THE POISON FROM THE STRAIGHT THUNDERS!
COUGH COUGH COUGH
DAMN... !! WHY DID IT HAPPEN...?!
THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THEY'VE STOPPED!!

QUICK!! FIRST OF ALL MAKE SURE YOU ARE SAFE!!!
IT CAN'T BE...
THAT'S ANNA'S HOUSE...?
IT CAN'T BE...!
NO...!!!

ANNAAAA!!
!
COME BACK ZIPHER!!
IT'S DANGEROUS!!
ZIPHER!!


NO...
NO...!
NO...!!
O LORD,
I BEG YOU.
DON'T SNATCH
HER AWAY.
DON'T TAKE
HER AWAY.
PLEASE...!!


ANNA!!
GWO
ANNAAAA!!
IF YOU'RE THERE, ANSWER..!!
ANSWER ME, PLEASEEEE!!


WHOSSH
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
SHIVER
UGH... !!

PANT!
PANT!
PANT!
PANT!
PANT!
SLAM

!!!
ANNA...!
THUMP

THUD
GWO
UGH...
PANT!
...!!
PANT!

WO
PANT!
PANT!
PANT!
PANT!
PANT!
STAGGER
PANT!
HUFF!
HUFF!
DASH

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

!
THERE YOU ARE...
CRU
MBLE

DASH
"THEY ARE THE VARIANT WIZARDS. THE ONES WHO TWIST THE WORLD
THAT'S USELESS.
YOU WANT TO HAVE HER RESURRECTED WITH MAGIC, RIGHT?
THEIR POWERS ALLOW THEM TO DO ANYTHING.
"THEY CAN EVEN RESURRECT THE DEAD

"IT'S UNMISTAKABLE. IT'S REALLY LIKE THE LEGEND."
WE DON'T HAVE ANY SPECIAL POWERS.
I'M SORRY, MR. ZIPHER...
"THIS VILLAGE'S PEOPLE DIE TOO."
"THAT'S THE END."
"THERE SHOULD BE NO MISTAKE, BUT..."
"THERE SHOULD BE NO MISTAKE, BUT...!!"
I... CAN'T DO ANYTHING...
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING FOR YOU...!
PANT!

"I BEG YOU, MY LORD"

"I ABSOLUTELY DON'T WANT..."
...ANYBODY TO DIE!!

WSHOO
GWOOO

PANT!
PANT!
PANT!
PANT!
HA HA HA...
I MADE IT... !!

YOU DON T SEEM TO HAVE ANY NOTABLE WOUNDS !
THANK GOD...! IT'S A MIRACLE...!
REALLY... I'M SO HAPPY YOU'RE OK...!

COME ON LET S GET OUT OF HERE
HERE, HANG ONTO ME...
SLIP
ANNA...?
W... WHAT'S WRONG, ANNA...?
QUICK, WE NEED TO RUN AWAY...!
THUD

IT CAN'T BE...
SHE HAS NO PULSE...? HOW...!?
IT'S NOT TRUE... IT CAN'T BE...!!
IT'S... IT'S...!!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!!!
IT S NOT TRUE...!!
IT CAN T POSSIBLY BE...!!!
YOU... CAN'T BE DEAD... !!!

AAAAAAAAAAAH!

SBRA
A A
M
M
!!!
BU
ZZ
...!!
VILLAGE CHIEF AINU
I FINALIZED THE FIRE SPREAD PREVENTION MEASURES TOGETHER WITH COSITH

BUT... SHOULD THE CENTRAL TOWER COLLAPSE, THOSE MEASURES WILL BE INSUFFICIENT.
IF WE DON'T PUT OUT THE FIRE AND DISMANTLE THE BUILDING, IT WILL...!
...!!
HEY!! LOOK AT THAT!!!
!!

MR. ZIPHER!!!
STAGGER
... !!
GRA
B

WHEEZE
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
... !!
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
!

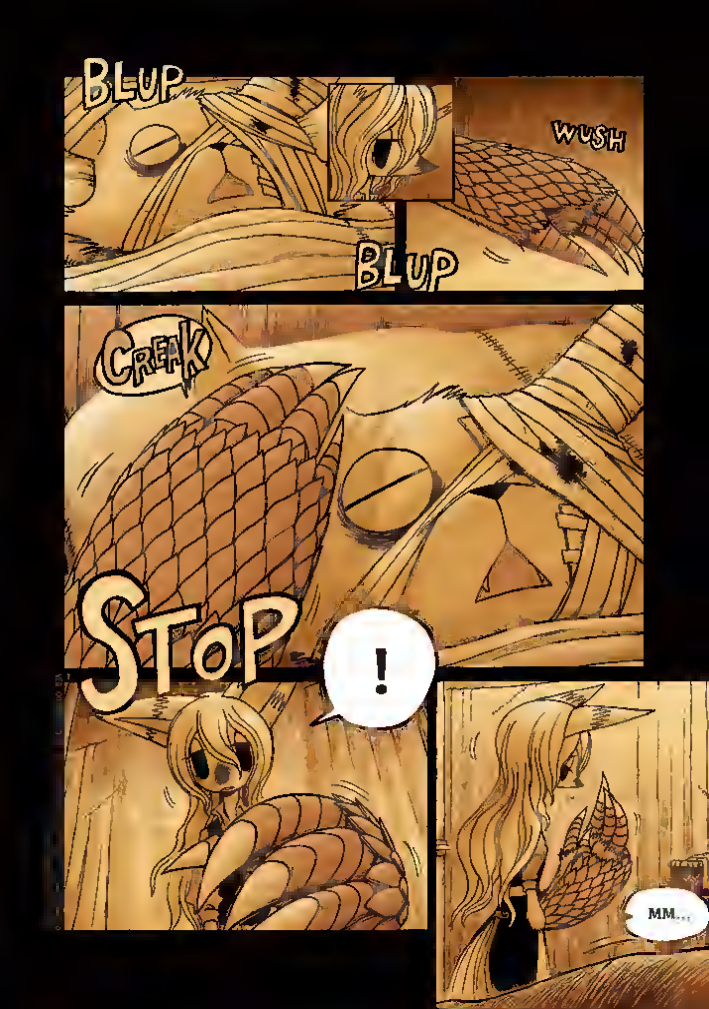
THEY'RE BOTH ALIVE BUT BADLY INJURED!!
LET'S CURE THEM RIGHT AWAY!! BRING TWO STRETCHERS QUICK!!
...!!
...MAKE IT...
WHEEZ-E
EH...?
WHEE
PUFF WHEE
SO...
SIGH...
I DIDN'T MAKE IT...
WHEEZE
IT WAS TOO LATE...!

I...!
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
I LET YOU DIE...!!!
NO... YOU DIDN'T...!!
I WANTED TO HELP YOU...
I WANTED TO SAVE YOU...
MR. BROW IS FINE...!!
HE'S ALIVE...!!
I COULDN'T SAVE YOU...
I COULDN'T SAVE YOU...

"I HAVE A PRESENT FOR YOU."

IT'S ALL BURNED DOWN... WHAT A DISTRESSING SIGHT...
I'M TERRIBLY SORRY, I COULDN'T EXTINGUISH THE FIRE...
STOP IT, KAYOH. THAT FIRE WAS WAY TOO BIG FOR ANY OF US TO CONTROL.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOW IS THE OUTSIDE WORLDER DOING?
HE'S STILL UNCONSCIOUS. DOMIKA'S CONSTANTLY AT HIS SIDE AND WON'T LEAVE HIM FOR A MINUTE.
...
I SEE.
VILLAGE CHIEF AINU, IT'S ABOUT...
YEAH, IT'S TIME.

BLUP
LET S GO TO THE MEETING PLACE. CAN'T MAKE EVERYBODY WAIT.
YES, VILLAGE CHIEF AINU.
BLUP
BLUP
BLUP
BLUP


BLUP
WUSH
BLUP
CREEK
STOP
!
MM...

!
MISTER... ZIPHER...?
...
MISS DOMIKA...
WHERE... AM I...?
...!!

THIS IS MR. MALSUS' CLINIC.
YOU WERE BADLY INJURED IN THE FIRE AND FAINTED—
!!
AND THAT KID—!?
WHAT HAPPENED TO THE KID—!
MR. BROW IS FINE!
HIS WOUNDS AND BURNS WERE COMPLETELY HEALED WITH MEDICINE WATER

REALLY...?!
HA HA HA
I'M HAPPY TO
HEAR THAT...
TRULY
HAPPY...!
OH?
THIS IS...
WOW!!
YOU MENDED
MY COAT!!
OH!
THAT'S...!!

HERE WE GO!
RIP
OOPS..
~~~~~~!!!
S-S-S-S-SORRY!!
FLUSTER
FLUSTER
FLUSTER
FLUSTER
FLUSTER
ER...!
I TRIED TO REPAIR IT BUT IT DIDN'T GO WELL...!!
NO, NO, DON'T...
I'M SORRY...!!
YOUR COAT AND HAT WERE SO IMPORTANT FOR YOU, BUT...!
WELL... MY ARMS ARE LIKE THIS, SO...! I'M NOT GOOD AT FINE WORK...!
I CAN'T EVEN SEW PROPERLY...!!
~~~~~~

I'M SORRY... JUSTIFYING MYSELF LIKE THIS...!
...IT'S WEIRD, RIGHT...?
OOZE
I COULD HAVE ASKED SOMEONE ELSE...
WHAT WAS I THINKING...!?
N... NO...
MISS DOMI...
HUH!?
SLIP

THUMP
!!!
THUD

———!!!
UWAWAWAWA WAWAH!
WAH WAH WAH WAH
S-S-S-S-SORRY!!
BRISTLE
WAH
RIP
PANIC
WAH
IT RIPPED AGAIN!
WAH
RIP
N-NO... !!
I-I-I-I-I-T'S OK... !
WAH

E... ER...
I'M VERY VERY GLAD!
WELL... BECAUSE YOU MENDED IT WITH YOUR HEART AND SOUL...
!
SQUEEZE
THANK YOU...
...MISS DOMIKA.
SURE...

STILL... SEEMS LIKE THERE'S NOBODY AROUND, HUH.
!
WHERE HAS EVERYBODY GONE...?
...
WE NEEO TO THROW OUT THAT OUTSIOE WORLOER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
WE CAN'T STAND IT ANYMORE!
WE CAN'T ALLOW A BIGGER ACCIOENT THAN THIS TO HAPPEN!

INDEED
THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO KICK HIM OUT ASAP
EVERYBODY HERE SHOULD FEEL THE SAME!
THAT'S RIGHT!!
LET'S EXPEL THE OUTSIDE WORLDER!
BUZZ
BUZZ
THERE'S NO POINT IN US TAKING RISKS TO LET HIM STAY!
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
WE WERE ONLY LUCKY THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES
BUZZ
LET'S EXILE HIM RIGHT AWAY!
EXILE!
EXILE!
...
BUZZ

IT'S NOT ALWAYS TRUE THAT THE MAJORITY'S OPINION IS RIGHT.
IS THAT A LEVEL-HEADED JUDGMENT?
OF COURSE IT IS.
THIS SITUATION ORIGINATED FROM BREAKING THE VILLAGE RULE IN THE FIRST PLACE.
DO NOT LET OUTSIDE WORLDERS INTO THE VILLAGE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A MEASURE TO PROTECT IT FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD.
...
CLACK
BU
!
ZZ

E... ER... I'M TERRIBLY SORRY I INTERRUPTED...
ACTUALLY...
YOU DO HAVE SOME NERVE
EH...?
DON'T YOU GET IT?
IT'S YOUR FAULT THAT THE VILLAGE GOT IN DANGER!
HOW DARE YOU SHOW UP HERE?
WAIT, PLEASE...! MR. ZIPHER IS...
THE HOUSING COMPLEX THAT BURNED DOWN WAS THIS VILLAGE S NUMBER ONE BUILDING

YOU MIGHT THINK THAT WE BUILT IT WITH MAGIC. BUT IT S NOT LIKE THAT!
HOW LONG DO YOU THINK IT TOOK EVEN JUST TO BRING IN THE BUILDING MATERIAL FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD?
NOW IT S GONE AND IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!
YOU DESTROYED THIS VILLAGE!!
THAT'S RIGHT!! YOU DISRUPTED OUR PEACE!!
CLAMOR
IF YOU HADN'T COME HERE. THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED!!
IT'S YOUR FAULT!!
IT'S YOUR FAULT!!!
CLAMOR
... !!

STOP IT, PEOPLE!!!
WHAP
THE OLD MAN HE DID NOTHING BAD...!
IT WAS ME
WZZZ
I... WANTED THE FIREWORKS... AND STOLE ONE...
...!?
I'M SORRY...! IT WAS MY FAULT...
BUT... I WAS TOO AFRAID TO SAY IT...!!
WZZ
I'M REALLY... TERRIBLY SORRY...
WZZZ

THIS CHILD NO...
IT'S ALL BECAUSE I CAN'T WATCH THIS CHILD PROPERLY...
BUZZ
BUZZ
WHO IS THAT...?
BROW'S MOTHER?
BUZZ
BUZZ
COME ON, THAT'S YOU-KNOW-WHAT...!
BUZZ
...?
BUZZ
BUZZ
WHY DID YOU COME OUT...?
!

THEN I'LL ASK YOU, KOBOLGARDE
HOW DO YOU INTEND TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS?
I DO HOPE YOU DON'T THINK AN ACCIDENT OF THIS SCALE CAN BE SETTLED WITH AN APOLOGY!
SO YOU'RE RETURNING EVIL FOR GOOD TO THE ONES WHO TAKE CARE OF YOU EVERYDAY?
T... THIS HAS GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH...
DOMIKA, OF COURSE YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TOO...
WITH ALL THE OTHER ONES WHO BROUGHT THE OUTSIDE WORLDER HERE!!
EH?WHO?
...

PLEASE, WAIT!!
IT WAS ME WHO, AFTER BEING RESCUED, RETURNED EVIL FOR GOOD!
THE RESPONSIBILITY IS ALL MINE!!
THEN YOU MUST... !!!
OF COURSE, I'LL LEAVE THE VILLAGE RIGHT AWAY!!
!!

THAT WAS MY INTENTION SINCE THE BEGINNING
AS WELL AS TODAY S FIRE...
... I ALREADY CAUSED YOU AN UNFORGIVABLE AMOUNT OF TROUBLE

MOREOVER IT SEEMS THAT I MISUNDERSTOOD THE REALITY OF THIS VILLAGE
THIS IS YET AGAIN JUST AN ACT OF IRRESPONSIBILITY...

...BUT I REALIZED THAT I SHOULDN T BE HERE...

THOUGH, STILL...
AFTER SAYING THAT... IT'S HARD FOR ME TO ASK, BUT...
LEAVE ASIDE THE OTHER WOUNDS...
...COULD I STAY JUST OUTSIDE OF THE VILLAGE AT LEAST UNTIL MY EYE HAS HEALED?
I CAN'T SEE PROPERLY WITH ONLY ONE EYE...
...
BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ

BUZZ
BUZZ
BUZZ
OF COURSE I'M NOT FORCING YOU...
BUZZ
BUZZ
...?
ZIPHER, I REALLY HATE TO TELL YOU THIS, BUT...
ZASH
YOUR LEFT EYE WON T HEAL.

EH...?
EVEN THE MEDICINE WATER THAT HEALED BROW... COULDN'T CURE YOUR CRUSHED EYE.
I'M SORRY, BUT...
...IT'S BLIND NOW.
...
MISTER ZIPHER.
I PROMISED... YOU. I WILL SHOW YOU...
...THE TRUE FACE OF THIS VILLAGE...

AN EXCAVATION... SITE?
IT S BEEN HERE A LONG TIME. WELL BEFORE THE VILLAGE WAS BUILT.
IT IS A VERY IMPORTANT PLACE FOR US.
UH, IT'S PITCH BLACK BEYOND THIS POINT.
WAIT, PLEASE.
I'LL TURN ON THE LIGHTS...
LIT

GWo
!!!
D... DON'T TELL ME THESE ARE...!!!

THOSE LURKING IN THE SKY' THE SKY S LOST CHILDREN' THE SKY S UNBORNS
THOSE WHO ROAM ABOUT THE SKY. DROP THE STRAIGHT THUNDERS AND SOIL THE LAND... THESE ARE THEIR REMAINS AND RELICS.
EVERYTHING YOU THOUGHT WAS FRUIT OF MAGIC WAS DUG UP FROM HERE
THE HCATLESS LIGHT BULBS. THE MEDICINE WATER THAT HCALS WOUNDS INSTANTLY
MYSTERIOUS CONTAINERS WITH FOOD INSIDE GET DUG UP AND DISTRIBUTED TO THE VILLAGERS PERIODICALLY
BUT WE DDN'T KNOW HDW TO USE 90% OF THE TOOLS WE EXCAVATE... THERE IS A BIG GAP BETWEEN WHAT WE CAN ANO CANNDT DD... WHAT WOUNDS WE CAN HCAL
MOST OF THE VILLAGERS WERE BORN IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

PEOPLE WHO WERE BORN VARIANT AND HAD TO WITHDRAW FROM THE WORLD... WHO WERE SEPARATED FROM THEIR PARENTS... OR DECIDED TO HIDE THEMSELVES...
...GATHERED HERE IN THE "LAND OF THE VARIANT" AND THAT'S HOW THIS VILLAGE WAS BORN
MANY OF THEM GOT INJURED...
...IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD AND ARE NOW DISABLED... UNABLE TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES...
MAYBE BECAUSE OF THOSE REMAINS... THE WATER UNDERGROUND HERE IS UNDRINKABLE...
...NO TREES NOR FLOWERS... ONLY SOME INDIGENOUS FUNGI CAN GROW...
THE GROUND IS FRAIL... AND THIS VILLAGE WAS FINALLY BUILT AFTER YEARS OF SOIL REINFORCEMENT!

THIS VILLAGE IS A VERY...
...VERY VULNERABLE PLACE.
REJECTED FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD...
...WHILE GETTING POISONED BY THE ENTITY WHO THREATENS IT. WE ARE REAPING ITS BENEFITS...
SQUEEZ
IT'S VULNERABLE, BUT...
THIS IS... THE ONE AND ONLY PLACE FOR US.

AN ACCIDENT LIKE THIS...
...MUST NOT HAPPEN EVER AGAIN...
...AND THE PRESENCE OF OUTSIDE WORLDERS IS UNDESIRABLE
BUT HE RISKED HIS OWN LIFE TO SAVE ONE OF US. HE DESERVES OUR RESPECT BECAUSE OF THAT.
HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO COULD SAVE BROW.
THEREFORE, I THINK HE SHOULD BE TREATED HERE AT THE VILLAGE UNTIL HE'S FULLY FIT.
...

ANY OBJECTIONS?
IF NOT, TODAY'S MEETING IS ADJOURNED
ZASH

ZASH
ZASH
ZASH
LOOKS LIKE A GENERAL AGREEMENT COULD BE REACHED SIR

IN THEORY_ YES
BUT I THINK THEY JUST REPRESSED THEIR DISCONTENT
KAYOH YOU LOOK LIKE YOU VE GOT SOME-THING TO SAY
!
IT S ABOUT THE OUTSIDE WORLDER RIGHT?
OR AT LEAST ABOUT SOMETHING RELATED TO HIM
...

I DON T HAVE ANY OBJECTION REGARDING HIS STAY
HE CAME HERE TO RESURRECT A DEAD PERSON TODAY S FIRE CAUSED BY FIREWORKS WAS A MERE ACCIDENT
I DON'T THINK HE S A BAD PERSON
BUT... ARE YOU SURE, SIR?
LETTING HIM STAY...
...TOGETHER WITH DOMIKA...
SHE IS...!
FIREWORKS...
?

THAT OUTSIDE WORLDER VISITED THIS LAND TO BRING HIS DEAD LOVER BACK TO LIFE... THAT'S PROBABLY THE TRUTH...
BUT... WHY IS HE CARRYING FIREWORKS WITH HIM?
A SIGN OF FRIENDSHIP?
SO IMPORTANT HE EVEN DROPPED WATER AND FOOD...?
...
KAYOH..
YES, SIR.
MAYBE IT'S A USELESS WORRY...
...BUT... CAN I ASK YOU A FAVOR?

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TLACK TLACK
CLICK
ARE YOU SURE YOU'LL BE OK BY YOURSELF, KAYOH?
YOU WORRY TOO MUCH.
CLICK
THESE THINGS ARE EASIER DONE ALONE
MORE IMPORTANTLY I ENTRUST THE CHIEF'S AND EVERYBODY'S SAFETY TO YOU, COSITH.
OK.
CLICK
TLACK
TLACK
KAYOH...
BE CAREFUL.

YES, I'LL BE RIGHT BACK...
DON'T WORRY, COSITH.
SCRK
SCRK

I DON'T THINK THAT IF I KEEP WHIMPERING SOMEONE'S GONNA TURN UP AND HELP ME
SCRIB
SCRIB
SCRIB
SCRIB
THE STORY THAT EFFORT IS ALWAYS REWARDED IS A LIE TOO
I JUST NEED TO GET STRONGER
SCRIB
SCRIB
SCRIB
SCRIB
THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT AND I STILL DO
CLICK
HOWEVER...
...
SQUEAK

HELLO, I'M BACK!
SORRY IT TOOK SO LONG!
!
TAP TAP TAP TAP
WELCOME BACK MISS DOMIKA!
OH!
YOUR WOUNDS GOT BETTER, OLD MAN!
YES. THANKS TO EVERYBODY.

THE VILLAGE COUNCIL HAS DECIDED
THAT MR ZIPHER IS GOING TO STAY HERE FOR A WHILE TO GET TREATMENT
Sniff
WILL YOU DO THE FIREWORKS
AH... NO, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE...
EEEEH?! REALLY?
!!

OON'T PESTER MR ZIPHER, YOU TWO.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF MOLTE.
THAT WASN'T NECESSARY.
EH...?
I AM PERFECTLY FINE ON MY OWN
I DON'T WANT TO BE TREATED LIKE A KID ONLY BECAUSE I M YOUNG
IT'S A REAL PAIN TO BE LUMPED TOGETHER WITH CERTAIN PEOPLE

ESPECIALLY WITH THAT OLD MAN... !!
!
THEY AUTHORIZED HIS STAY? I DON'T CARE!
THIS TIME HE EVEN LOST AN EYE TO DRAW COMPASSION! IT'S OUT OF THIS WORLD!!
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
YOU MUST BE INSANE!
I'M ASKING YOU, DON'T GO NEAR MISS DOMIKA!

!
IT WAS A DREAM.
BUT, WHERE FROM...?
OH... THAT'S IT.

THEY CAME BACK LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED...

...AND I SAID I WAS TIRED SO I WENT TO BED

I DIDN T SHOUT LIKE A KID...
...NOR I TRIED TO GET MISS DOMIKA'S ATTENTION.

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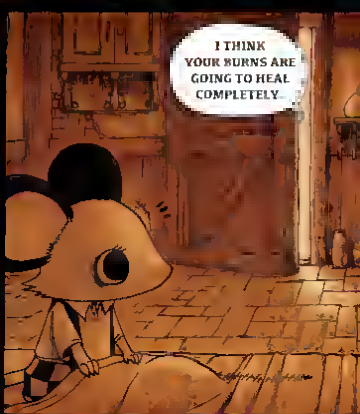
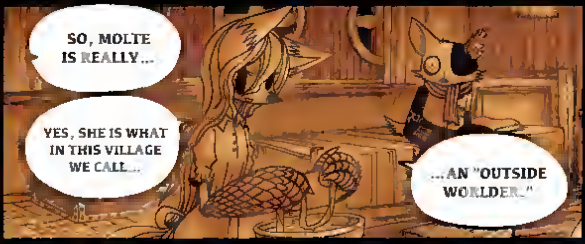
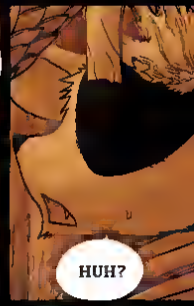

I THINK YOUR BURNS ARE GOING TO HEAL COMPLETELY.

I PUT MORE MEDICINE WATER ON THEM SO WE CAN REDO YOUR BANDAGES NOW
RISE
!
THANK YOU SO MUCH... FOR EVERYTHING REALLY
ALTHOUGH I WAS GRANTED PERMISSION BY THE VILLAGE CHIEF
...!!
ER... I'M GIVING YOU SO MUCH TROUBLE...
DON T WORRY ABOUT IT.
I HAVE ALREADY BROKEN THE VILEAGE RULES ONCE
WHEN I TOOK MOLTE IN A YEAR AGO


SO, MOLTE IS REALLY...
YES, SHE IS WHAT IN THIS VILLAGE WE CALL...
...AN "OUTSIDE WORLDER."

WHY DID SHE COME HERE?
WHO KNOWS... I HAVE NO IDEA.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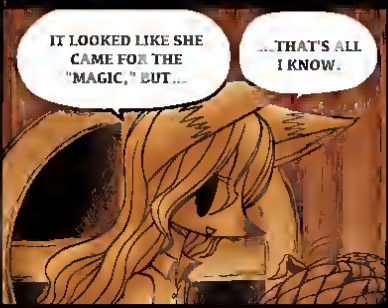

IT LOOKED LIKE SHE CAME FOR THE "MAGIC," BUT...
...THAT'S ALL I KNOW.

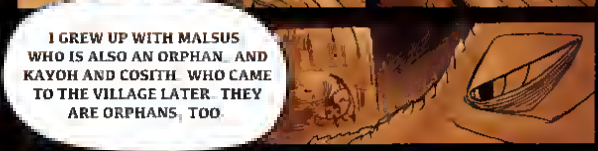
HERE, YOUR EAR S BANDAGE IS DONE, TOO.
OH... THANKS...

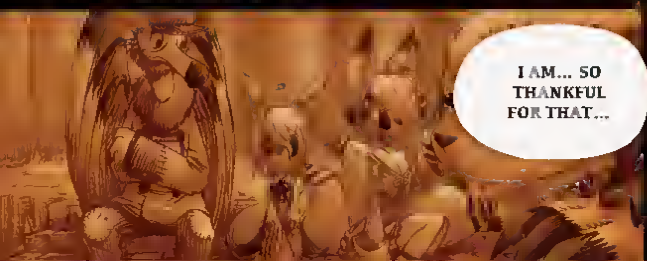
HOW CAN YOU DO SO MUCH FOR OTHERS, MISS DOMIKA?
EH...?
ER... I'M NOT QUESTIONING YOUR GOOD INTENTIONS
INSTEAD, SINCE YOU HAVE BEEN SO KIND EVEN TO SOMEONE LIKE ME
...
...IF THERE'S ANYTHING I COULD DO FOR YOU I WOULD LIKE TO REPAY YOU
THERE IS SOMETHING I ALWAYS WANTED
SQUEAK
SOMETHING YOU WANT...?

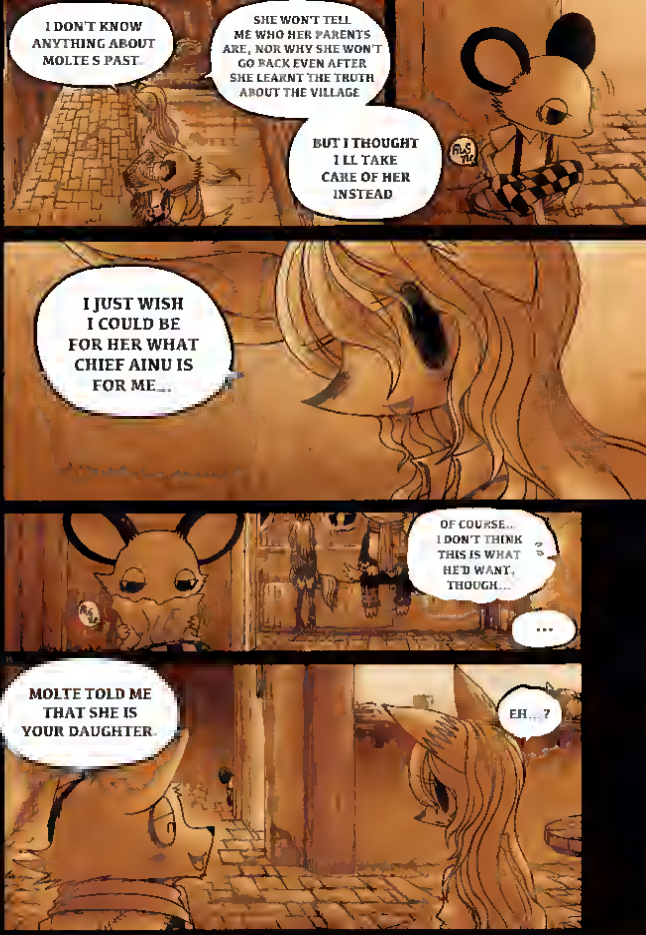
MR ZIPHER
I WANT A FAMILY.
EH...?!
WHA-?
...
BLU
SH
EH...? OH! NO...!!
S-SORRY! IT'S NOT LIKE THAT...!! ER... IT'S NOT LIKE IT SOUNDS, I MEAN...!!!
PANIC
WAH
WAH
PANIC
WAH
WAH
WAH
Y-YES, I UNDERSTAND! SORRY, IT'S OK. FORGIVE ME. PLEASE CONTINUE...!!

WELL... JUST LIKE YOU...
...I LOST MY PARENTS JUST AFTER MY BIRTH...
!

I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT MY MOM AND DAD.
BUT VILLAGE CHIEF AINU BECAME A FATHER FIGURE FOR ME.


I GREW UP WITH MALSUS WHO IS ALSO AN ORPHAN. AND KAYOH AND COSITH. WHO CAME TO THE VILLAGE LATER. THEY ARE ORPHANS, TOO.


I AM... SO THANKFUL FOR THAT...


I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT MOLTE'S PAST.
SHE WON'T TELL ME WHO HER PARENTS ARE, NOR WHY SHE WON'T GO BACK EVEN AFTER SHE LEARNT THE TRUTH ABOUT THE VILLAGE
BUT I THOUGHT I'LL TAKE CARE OF HER INSTEAD
I JUST WISH I COULD BE FOR HER WHAT CHIEF AINU IS FOR ME....
OF COURSE... I DON'T THINK THIS IS WHAT HE'D WANT, THOUGH....
...
MOLTE TOLD ME THAT SHE IS YOUR DAUGHTER.
EH....?

IT'S A VERY...
IT'S A VERY WONDERFUL THING, I THINK.
I NEED... TO LEARN FROM YOU...
I NEED TO FIND... A NEW... PLACE TO GO BACK TO...
NO... BEFORE THAT...

I MUST PUT AN END TO...
...!
E-ER...! MR. ZIPHER...!
WHA HA
?
I... IF YOU PLEASE, C... COULD YOU...!
...HELP ME AGAIN... WITH THE LUNCHBOX DELIVERY TOMORROW...?
YOU SEE, MR. ZIPHER... IT'S SO MUCH EASIER...
...WITH YOUR HELP...
R... REALLY...
...

YES, I WILL BE VERY HAPPY TO HELP YOU
THANK YOU... I
SQUEEZ

RECONNAISSANCE... OUTSIDE THE VILLAGE?
YEAH, I DON'T KNOW WHY...
....BUT I HAVE A BAD FEELING.
JUST TO BE SURE, I WANT YOU TO PATROL THE SURROUNDINGS AS MUCH AS YOU CAN.
MAYBE IT'S A USELESS WORRY...
...BUT BE MORE VIGILANT THAN USUAL...
THE VILLAGE CHIEF WAS RIGHT..
HIS FEARS WERE FOUNDED. BUT...

WHO ARE THOSE PEOPLE?
ZASH
ZASH
ZASH
ZASH
ZASH
THEY ARE CLEARLY NOT WOULD-BE VILLAGERS...
BUT
... THEY ARE CLEARLY HEADING TO THE VILLAGE
IT DOESN'T LOOK GOOD AT ALL...
I MUST RUSH BACK AND TELL HIM...
TWITCH

WHA
NG
SWISH
UGH!
ZASH
ZASH
ZASH
ZASH
!!
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG

LOOKS LIKE THE VANGUARD HAD AN ENCOUNTER.
YES.
THAT ONE?
BOOM
THEY GOT ME I GUESS THEY NOTICED ME SOMEHOW..
THEY'RE PLAIN HOSTILE.
GUNS
IN THIS CASE, I...

WOOSH
!?
JAK
SLA
SH

UGH
!!
WHAM
ZASH
ZASH
ZASH
BLAM
FLASH
!

SHIT! ARE YOU SERIOUS?!
SKRA A AMM
....WILL MOW DOWN EVERY LAST ONE OF YOU.

WE GOT A JUMPY FOX LADY HERE
BUT SHE CAN'T DODGE SHOTS WITH BOTH HER FEET IN THE AIR!
SWIRL
!!!
SHE ROTATED USING HER TAIL'S CENTER GRAVITY MOVEM
THUMP
TWHACK

THUD
...
HEY, HEY! ARE THEY SERIOUS?
SHE'S GONNA BREAK THROUGH OUR LINES!
ZASH
RETREAT, GUYS!!

ZA
SH
SWO
OSH

!
GRAB
CLANG
CLICK
!!

...!!
TWH
AMMM

...
CRACK
SNAP
CRACK
... !!
AAARGH!
TH
D
CRASH

I WAS... TOO RECKLESS..
I COULDN'T PAY ENOUGH ATTENTION TO THE SURROUNDINGS
BL EEE UR
SSSSSH
I SHOULD HAVE DITCHED MY PRIDE AND USED THE GAS RIGHT AWAY
ZASH
ZASH
PAH!
PAH!
PAH!
THROWING KNIVES AT THE SNIPERS WHILE DODGING ALL THOSE ATTACKS
OWO
SHIT
DOES THAT POWER COME FROM YOU PEOPLE'S "MAGIC" TOO?

THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK
GIVE FIRST AID TO THE WOUNDED AND RESCUE THE ONES WHO GOT BURIED
THESE ROCKS ARE INCREDIBLY LIGHT THEY SHOULD BE STILL ALIVE
I'M SORRY... CHIEF... FORGIVE ME... COSITH...
I HOPE...
DI
ZZ
THUD
...TO SEE YOU AGAIN...
GWO
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SORRY I KEPT YOU WAITING!
TAP TAP
TAP TAP
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! MORE IMPORTANTLY, HOW IS MOLTE?
SHE SAID THAT RESTING WILL MAKE HER BETTER.
SHE DOESN'T HAVE A FEVER SO I DON'T THINK IT'S A BAD COLD, BUT...
YOU'RE WORRIED, RIGHT?
THEN, SHALL WE SPEED UP A BIT SO THAT WE CAN GET HOME EARLIER?
YES, LET'S DO THAT!
...

KNOCK KNOCK KNOCK
WE BROUGHT YOUR LUNCH!
PLEASE COME IN.
SQUE
AK
EXCUSE US...
OH...! I'M SORRY, YOU'RE MEDICATING YOUR FEET...!

!
NO... DON T MIND ME...
OH...! YOU ARE...!
OH...!
THE FIRE...!! I AM SO SORRY FOR THE TROUBLE WE CAUSED YOU...!!
WZZ
Z
MY CHILD STOLE YOUR FIREWORKS...!
AND IF IT WASN T ENOUGH YOU EVEN RISKED YOUR LIFE TO RESCUE HIM...!

I...!
...REALLY CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH...!!
N... NO... IT'S NOT...
IT WAS MY FAULT THAT...
MISTER ZIPHER... !!
ROLL ROLL ROLL
E... ER... !
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU ALL ALONG, MR. ZIPHER...!
T... THIS... I WOULD LIKE YOU TO HAVE IT...!

MR. ZIPHER NOW YOU CAN SEE ONLY FROM ONE EYE. LIKE MY MOM
SO I TRIED TO MAKE YOU A WALKING STICK
SEE, LOOK...!
I PAINTED FIREWORKS ON IT!
I MADE THE COLORS I DIDN'T HAVE BY MIXING THEM...!
BUT THERE WERE MORE MISSING THAN NOT SO IT WAS VERY HARD...
...

OH!!!
!?
NO..
?
I MADE A MISTAKE...
I SHOULD...
... HAVE SAID "I'M SORRY" FIRST...

I MADE A MISTAKE...
DRIP
DRIP
WUSH
YOU ARE VERY KIND...
THAT'S EXACTLY THE KIND OF STICK I WANTED.
I GREATLY APPRECIATE IT.
REALLY...?

YES.
I WILL USE IT WITH MY BEST CARE.
THANK YOU
...
TO NK

...
EXCUSE ME... MR. ZIPHER.
I THINK I'LL DELIVER THE REMAINING LUNCHBOXES BY MYSELF.
ONLY THE FEW I'M CARRYING ARE LEFT...
SO COULD YOU PLEASE GO HOME AND CHECK ON MOLTE FOR ME...?
GOOD IDEA! ROGER!
SORRY, AND THANK YOU!

...BUT I REALIZED THAT I SHOULDN'T BE HERE
OH...! MR. ZIPHER...!
?
ER... I'LL... BE RIGHT BACK, SO...
...PLEASE WAIT FOR ME AT MY HOUSE...!
YES, OF COURSE!
I... I REALLY APPRECIATE IT...! SEE YOU LATER!
YES. SEE YOU LATER.

IT'S A MYSTERY, HUH.
I WONDER WHY THIS OLD MAN IS STILL SQUATTING IN THIS VILLAGE.
EH...?!
O_O
OH...?!
AREN'T YOU SICK ...?
THERE IS NO MAGIC IN THIS VILLAGE.
AND IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO REVIVE THE DEAD, SO...
YOU SHOULD HAVE NO BUSINESS HERE.
OH, I SEE.

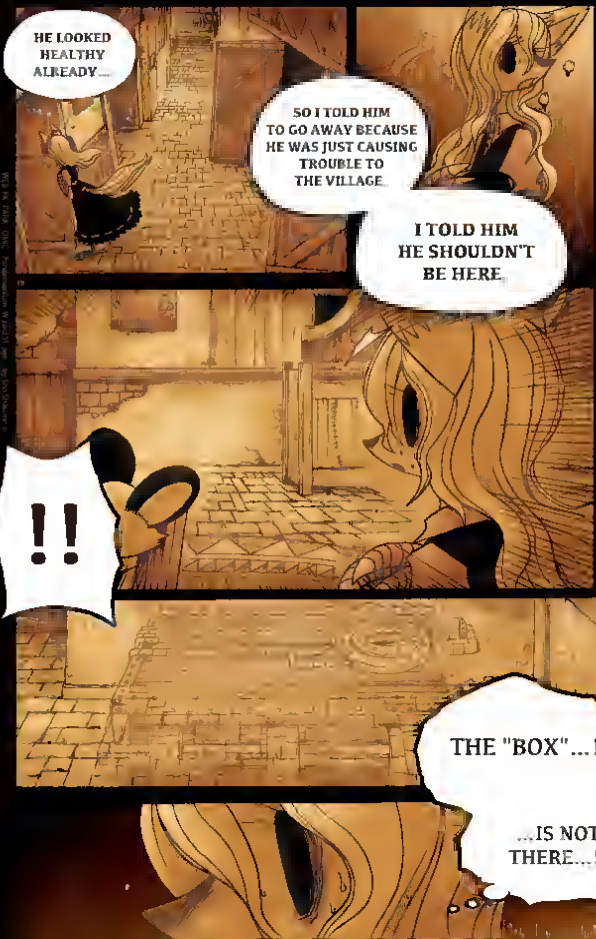
SINCE YOU CAN'T REVIVE YOUR LOVER...
...YOU ARE TRYING TO REPLACE HER WITH MISS DOMIKA.
!
T... THAT'S NOT...!
I'M TELLING YOU!!
WHAT SHE'S ATTRACTED TO IS THE OUTSIDE WORLD!
NOT THE LIKES OF YOU...!

YOU KNOW IT, RIGHT...!?
GETTING SERIOUSLY INJURED, CAUSING A BIG FIRE
...YOU ARE TROUBLING MISS DOMIKA ALL THE TIME...!!
YOU ARE BRINGING DISASTER TO THIS VILLAGE!

I'M ASKING YOU, GO AWAY!!!
THAT'S RIGHT...
I MUST NOT BE HERE...
I...!
MUST NOT ...!!

TAP TAP TAP TAP
I'M HOME!
IT WAS NOTHING...
OH...
WELCOME BACK, MISS DOMIKA.

SORRY... MOLTE..
WHERE IS MR. ZIPHER..?
I KICKED HIM OUT.
EH...!?
TAP
www!!
NO USE TO LOOK FOR HIM. HE'S NOT HERE.


HE LOOKED HEALTHY ALREADY....
SO I TOLD HIM TO GO AWAY BECAUSE HE WAS JUST CAUSING TROUBLE TO THE VILLAGE.
I TOLD HIM HE SHOULDN'T BE HERE.
!!
THE "BOX"...!
...IS NOT THERE...!!

DI
...!
ZZ
NO NEED TO WORRY.
I GAVE HIM A CART, AND FOOD AND WATER.
YOU MUST BE HAPPY TO GET RID OF THAT NUISANCE, TOO
WUSH
MISS DOMIKA...?

WAI...!
HEY...!
WAIT, MISS DDMIKA!
WHERE ARE YOU GOING...?!
I'LL GO LOOK FOR... MISTER ZIPHER...
WHY...?
WHY IS THAT...!?

WHY DO YOU CARE ABOUT THAT OLD MAN?!!
LET HIM ALONE!!! HE ALREADY WENT HOME...
STOP IT!!
GULP
HE HAS NO PLACE TO GO BACK TO!
HE LOST HIS HOME-TOWN...
HIS ONLY LOVED ONE WAS TAKEN AWAY FROM HIM... !!

I... CAN'T LEAVE HIM ALONE... !!
SORRY... MOLTE...
SQUEAK
FOR RAISING... MY VOICE...
SORRY... !!!

WHAT'S THAT...?
ME TOO, THEN...
ROLL
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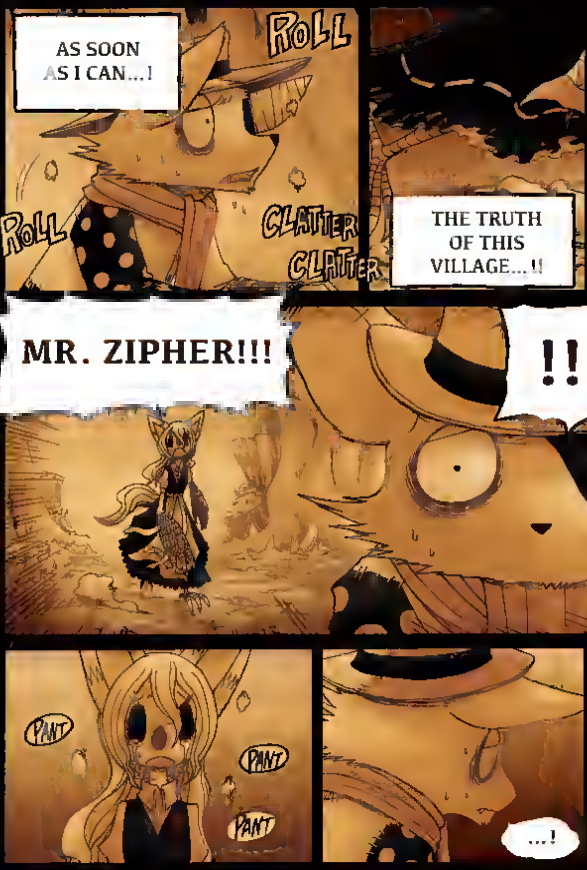
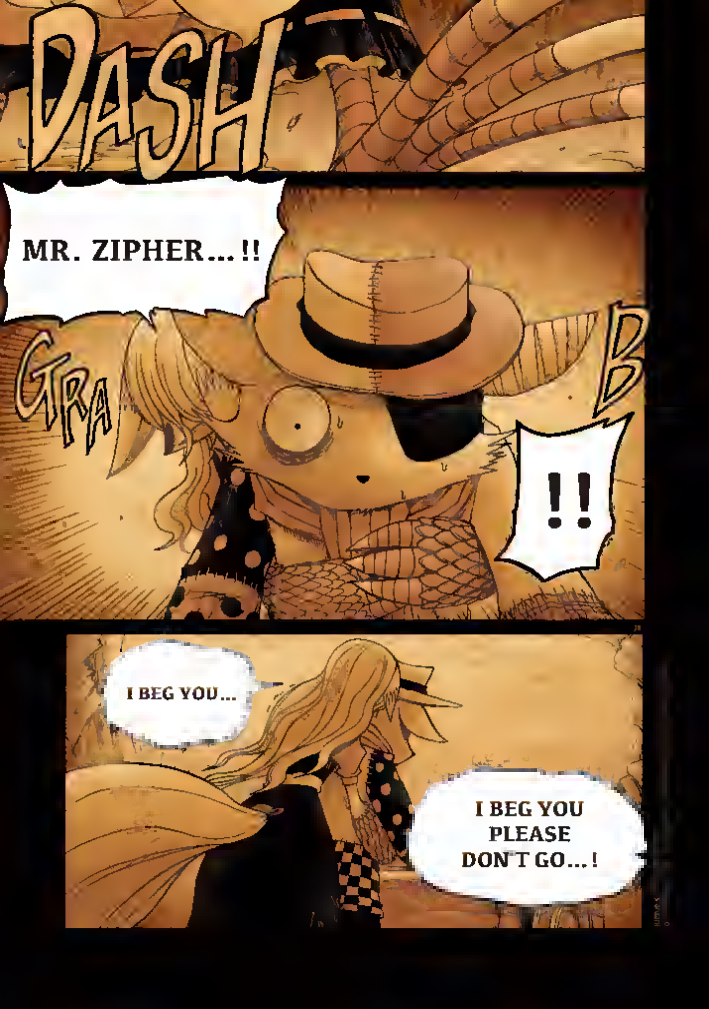
I AM... A FOOL...! WHAT WAS I THINKING, TRESPASSING ON HER KINDNESS...!
I MUST... TELL THEM...!
BEFORE THEY GET HERE...!!


AS SOON AS I CAN...!
ROLL
ROLL
CLATTER
CLATTER
THE TRUTH OF THIS VILLAGE...!!
MR. ZIPHER!!!
!!
PANT
PANT
PANT
...!

THANK YOU...
...FOR EVERYTHING, REALLY...
I'M SORRY I LEFT WITHOUT SAYING GOODBYE...
YOU HAVE DONE... SO MUCH FOR ME...
SQUEEK
BUT...
WELL... NOW... I MUST GO...!
PLEASE WAIT!!

I'M SORRY FOR MOLTE'S RUDE WORDS...
I WILL GIVE HER A PROPER WARNING...!
SO...!!
THIS HAS GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT...
THEN... WHY...?!!!
I... I'M SORRY...! I REALLY NEED TO GO...
...!!

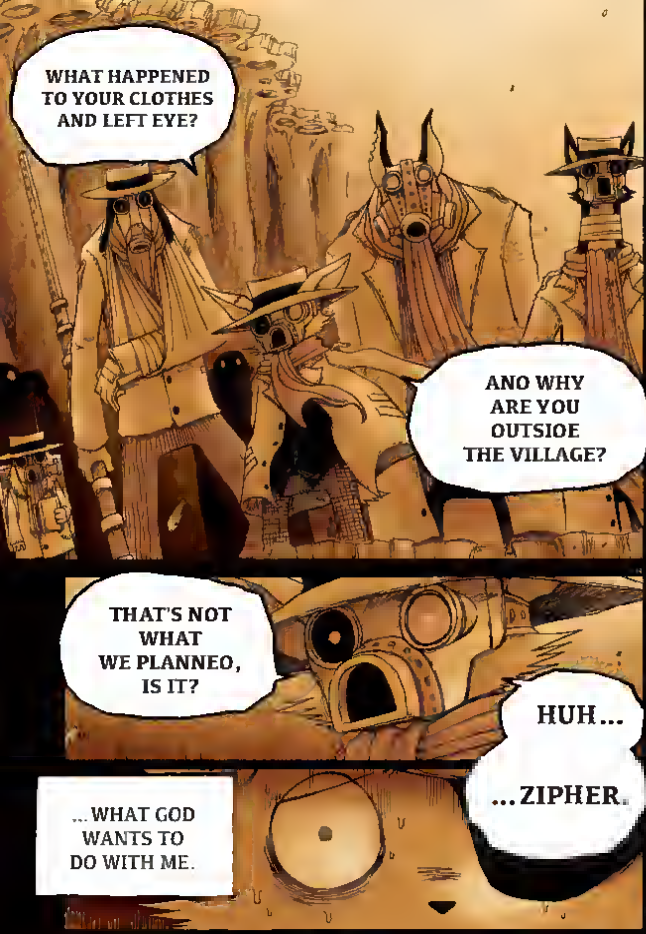

DASH
MR. ZIPHER...!!
GRA
B
!!
I BEG YOU...
I BEG YOU PLEASE DON'T GO...!

I KNOW I'M BEING SELFISH...
BUT...! FORGIVE ME...
I...!!
...WANT...
...TO BE WITH YOU...!!

IF YOU NEED A NEW PLACE TO GO BACK TO...
...RELY ON ME...!
MISS DOMIKA...
ALAS...
THANK YOU... I'M VERY... VERY HAPPY...
BUT...!
IT'S HARD
SO HARD.
THAT'S EXACTLY WHY...!!

I MUST LEAVE THIS VILLAGE RIGHT AWAY...
THERE IS SOMETHING I HAVE TO DO...!!
...!?
OH, SO THAT OVER THERE IS THE "WIZARD VILLAGE."
WHY DOES IT HAVE TO BE LIKE THIS?

!?
IF ONLY...
IT WAS A VERY ROCKY PATH, BUT...
IF JUST ONE THING WENT DIFFERENTLY THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED
...BEFORE THAT WE BUMPED INTO A REAL ODD SCENE HERE
!
SOMETIMES I WONDER


WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR CLOTHES AND LEFT EYE?
ANO WHY ARE YOU OUTSIOE THE VILLAGE?
THAT'S NOT WHAT WE PLANNEO, IS IT?
HUH...
...ZIPHER.
...WHAT GOD WANTS TO DO WITH ME.

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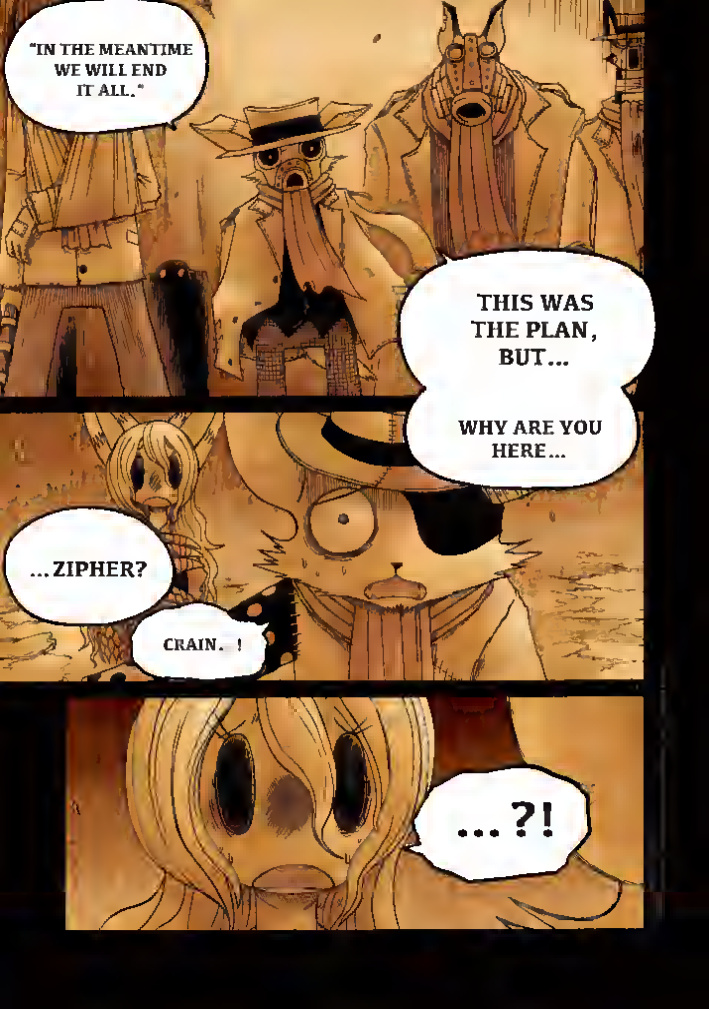
THERE IS A TRANSMITTER ATTACHED TO THIS BOX.
WE'LL START TRACKING YOU 4 DAYS AFTER YOU PENETRATE THE "LAND OF THE VARIANT"
AS SOON AS YOU SEE THE VILLAGE, SEND US THE "SIGNAL."
YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS NEXT, RIGHT?
I'LL CONTACT... THE VILLAGE CHIEF AND GET HIM TO BRING ANNA BACK TO LIFE...

EXACTLY THE RESURRECTION WILL CONFIRM THE EXISTENCE OF THE WIZARD VILLAGE
THEN YOU WILL SEND THE "SIGNAL" AGAIN
DID YOU DECIDE WHAT SIGNAL TO USE?
FIREWORKS...
WHEN I GET TO THE VILLAGE I LL SHOOT SOME FIREWORKS

EVERY NIGHT...
...UNTIL THE D..Y ANNA WILL WAKE UP...!!
I'LL SHOOT THE FIREWORKS...!
I SEE.
THEN WHEN THE FIREWORKS WILL CEASE WE WILL BREAK INTO THE VILLAGE
YOU'LL TAKE HER AND THE BOX AND HIDE SOMEWHERE


"IN THE MEANTIME WE WILL END IT ALL."
THIS WAS THE PLAN, BUT...
WHY ARE YOU HERE...
...ZIPHER?
CRAIN. !
...?!

THE LAST TIME WE SAW THE FIREWORKS WAS 5 DAYS AGO – WITH SOME EXTRA FIRE.
YOU GOT IMPATIENT AND CAME TO PICK US UP?
DON'T TELL ME YOU WERE GOING TO BETRAY US.
...!
WAIT... ! WE WERE WRONG... !!
THERE IS NOTHING LIKE THE "WIZARD VILLAGE"...
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
LOOK AT THE WOMAN BESIDE YOU.

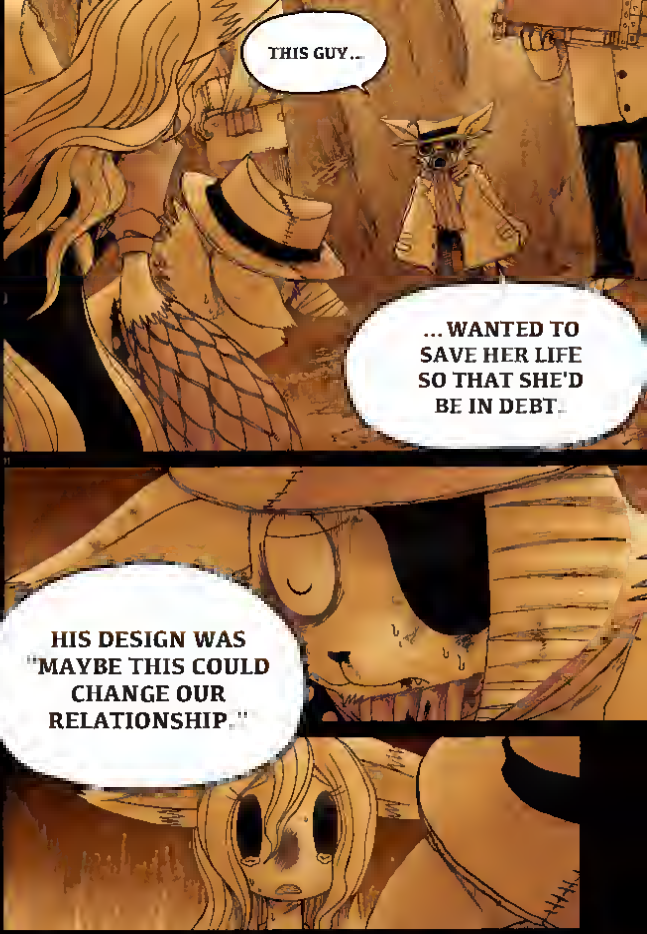
SHE'S OBVIOUSLY NOT NORMAL
SHE'S A "VARIANT" IN THE "LAND OF THE VARIANT."
!
S... STOP IT...!! DON'T YOU...!
WUSH
WUSH

WHACK
!!
STOMP
CRACK
MISTER ZIPHER!!
ZASH
ZASH
ZASH
ZASH
HEY, HEY. WHAT'S UP WITH YOU, ZIPHER? DID YOU GET BRAIN-WASHED WITH MAGIC?

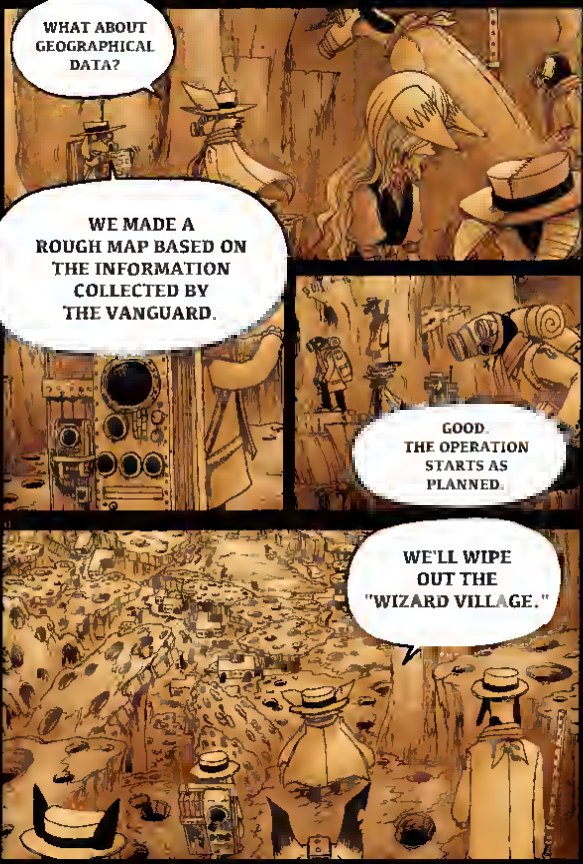
I SEE.
YOU GOT NO USE FOR ANNA ANYMORE.
PLEASE, STOP!!
W... WHO ON EARTH ARE YOU...?!
MR. ZIPHER RISKED HIS LIFE TO COME HERE TO SAVE HIS LATE LOVER!!
YOU ARE...!!!

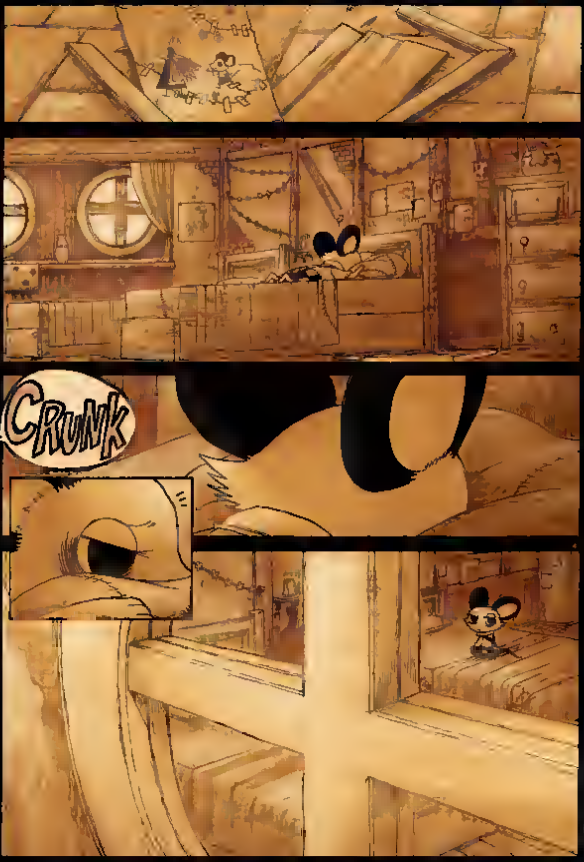
HUH... DID ZIPHER SAY THAT?
YES...!!
FOR HIS DEAREST BELOVED, HE...
SORRY, MISS.
ZIPHER AND ANNA...
...WERE NO LOVERS
?!

THEY SURELY HAD A VERY STRONG BOND.
AND THEY WERE SPECIAL TO EACH OTHER.
BUT NOTHING MORE.
NO MATTER HOW DEEP THE RELATIONSHIP, SHE WAS THE KIND OF WOMAN WHO'D NEVER BELONG TO ANYBODY.
IT WAS A ONE-SIDED LOVE WITH NO WAY OUT.


THIS GUY...
...WANTED TO SAVE HER LIFE SO THAT SHE'D BE IN DEBT.
HIS DESIGN WAS "MAYBE THIS COULD CHANGE OUR RELATIONSHIP..."

I WAS RIGHT TO ENTRUST YOU WITH THE INFILTRATION MISSION
YOU'D DO ANYTHING TO ACHIEVE YOUR GOAL
YOU ARE SURELY ABLE TO CRY AND LIE FOR YOUR PURPOSE.


WHAT ABOUT GEOGRAPHICAL DATA?
WE MADE A ROUGH MAP BASED ON THE INFORMATION COLLECTED BY THE VANGUARD.
GOOD. THE OPERATION STARTS AS PLANNED.
WE'LL WIPE OUT THE "WIZARD VILLAGE."


CRUNK

!?
SLAM
HANDS UP!!!

DON'T TRY ANYTHING FUNNY
GET OUT IN THE FRONT, NICE AND QUIET
EH... ?! EH... ?!
COME ON, MOVE IT!!
W... WAIT!! MY MOM IS...

!
HERE
WHACK
THUD
MARCO!!!
URGH...!
FIRST SQUAD HERE

OPERATION GOING SMOOTHLY. LOOKS LIKE THE 99-TAILED FOX S STRENGTH WAS OUT OF THE ORDINARY
TO BE HONEST, I FEEL LET DOWN
DON'T TALK STUPID. WE'RE STILL OUTNUMBERED.
GATHER THE VILLAGERS IN THE SQUARE WITH CAUTION
FIRST OF ALL, KEEP IN MIND THAT THE HOSTAGE IS PROBABLY THE MOST DANGEROUS ONE.
...

I BEG YOU, CRAIN...!
PLEASE... STOP NOW...!!
THIS ISN'T THE WIZARD VILLAGE!
THERE IS NO MAGIC...!!
WHA
!!
CK
CUT IT OUT ALREADY. LOOK AROUND.
THEY'RE SO PITIFULLY UGLY.
WE NEED NO RESURRECTION TO BACK IT UP.
IT'S LIKE THE LEGEND.

MANY OF THEM GOT INJURED IN THE OUTSIDE WORLD AND ARE NOW DISABLED UNABLE TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES
"THIS VILLAGE IS A VERY..."
"...VERY VULNERABLE PLACE."
STOMP
HUH... ANOTHER VERY BIG SHOT ENTERS STAGE
STOMP
WORTHY OF THE NAME "PANDEMONIUM."

STOMP
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING...?
WHAT DID YOU OUTSIDE WORLDERS COME HERE FOR?
WELL, YOU SEE...
ZASH
WE JUST CAME TO THIS VILLAGE TO ASK FOR A FAVOR.
ZASH

WOULD ALL VILLAGERS...
...MIND LEAVING THIS LAND NOW?
!?
STIR
STIR
STIR
OUR UNIT WAS FORMED TO GET RID OF THE "STRAIGHT THUNDERS" THAT THREATEN THE WORLD.
WE'VE BEEN SEARCHING IT ALL ALONG.
THE VILLAGE OF THOSE WHO ARE SUSPECTED OF CONTROLLING "THOSE LURKING IN THE SKY" WITH MAGIC

ACCORDING TO THE LEGEND, 'THOSE LURKING IN THE SKY' WERE BORN IN THIS LAND
AND THROW THE STRAIGHT THUNDERS ACCORDING TO THE WIZARDS POWER.
CHK
WHAT.. ?
IT S REALLY BEYOND FORGIVENESS
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT... ?
BUT WE WILL SHOW YOU COMPASSION.
DISAPPEAR SOMEWHERE FAR AWAY.

IN A PLACE WHERE NOBODY CAN SEE YOU.
WHAT...?
AND WHERE...
... WOULD THAT PLACE BE...?!
I DON'T CARE.
JUST DISAPPEAR TO A PLACE WHERE YOU WON'T BOTHER ANYBODY.

!!
CAPTAIN!!
HUH?
STOMP

COSITH!!
UGH...!
CRACK
GROOWL

GLARE
SKRAA
MM
SH
ZAAAM
...!!

STOP IT, COSITH!! I'M FINE...!
OK
TLA CK
!?
GLAB
!!
CRA CK

TWHACK
SHIT!
DARN BITCH FOX...

UGH!
ZOT ZOT
ZOT ZOT
RATA
TA
TA
——!!
THUMP
STOMP

SCHLALA
!?
TWHHA

Doooo
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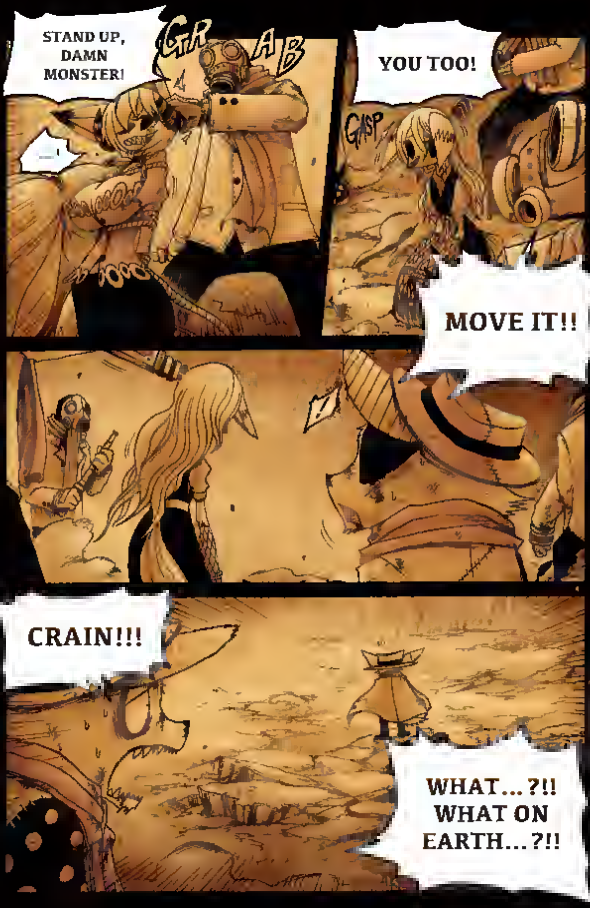
CRA
SH
I GET THE PICTURE. YOU ARE OBVIOUSLY DANGEROUS.
IT'S OVER.
WA A A
AH
FOR ALL OF YOU.
I'LL WIPE YOU OUT.

RU MM BLE
RUMBLE
CLACK
UGH!
...
C...
CAPTAIN!!
ARE YOU...
GATHER
THE VILLAGERS IN
THE MAIN SQUARE!!

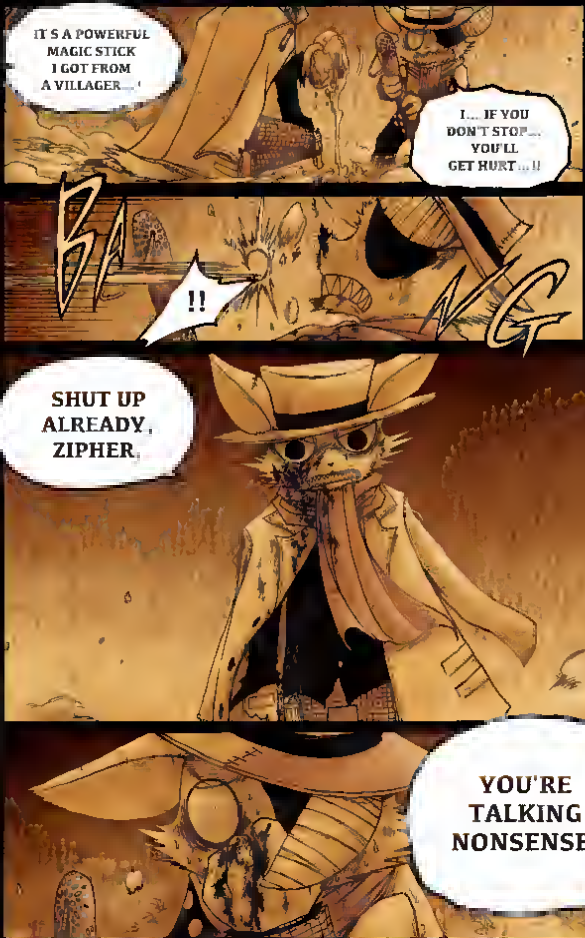
MOVE YOUR ASSES!!
EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM!!
HEY, YOU HEARD HIM! MOVE IT!!
YOU DD AS YOU'RE TDLD, DAMN MONSTERS!!

SHIT...!!
STOP IT, MARCO.
AT THIS POINT, STRUGGLING WON'T CHANGE THE SITUATION.
GIVE UP.
...!


STAND UP, DAMN MONSTER!
GTR
AB
YOU TOO!
GASP
MOVE IT!!
CRAIN!!!
WHAT... ?!! WHAT ON EARTH... ?!!

DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME?
I'LL PUT AN END TO IT.
I WAS WAY TOO SOFT TALKING ABOUT DEPORTATION.
I'LL EXTERMINATE THEM HERE.

N... NO, CRAIN!!
THAT'S ABSOLUTELY WRONG!!
THESE PEOPLE ARE NOT WIZARDS..!
WE WERE WRONG!!
I BEG YOU, LISTEN...!!
T... THIS IS NOT A SIMPLE STICK!


IT'S A POWERFUL MAGIC STICK I GOT FROM A VILLAGER...!
I... IF YOU DON'T STOP... YOU'LL GET HURT...!!
BA
!!
NG
SHUT UP ALREADY, ZIPHER.
YOU'RE TALKING NONSENSE!

HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!!!
SHIT! DON'T MESS WITH ME!
THIS BASTARD PRETENDED TO FALL DOWN AND CUT MY ARM!!!
...!?
...!?
WAIT, THERE'S A MISUNDER-STANDING!! HIS HANDS ARE...!

YOU...!!
DAMN MONSTER ...!!
CREAK
CREAK
CRACK
!?

WIZ
!?
SKRAM

URGH!
THUNK
OH...!
——!
WEEEEE

"THOSE LURKING IN THE SKY... !!"

ALL MEN READY!!!
AIM AT THE HEAD!
IT'S DANGEROUS!! EVERYBODY DOWN!!
LET'S REVENGE OUR TOWN!!!

BANG

BANG

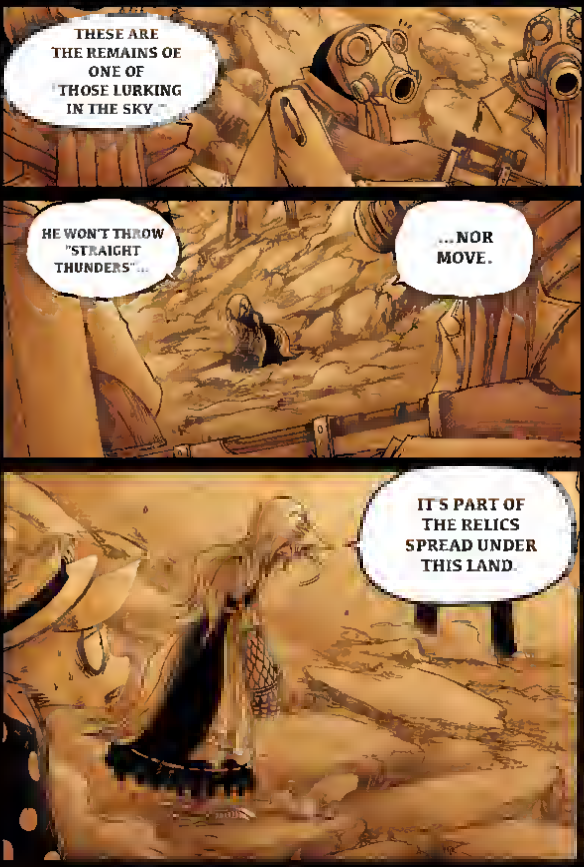
BANG

BANG

BANG

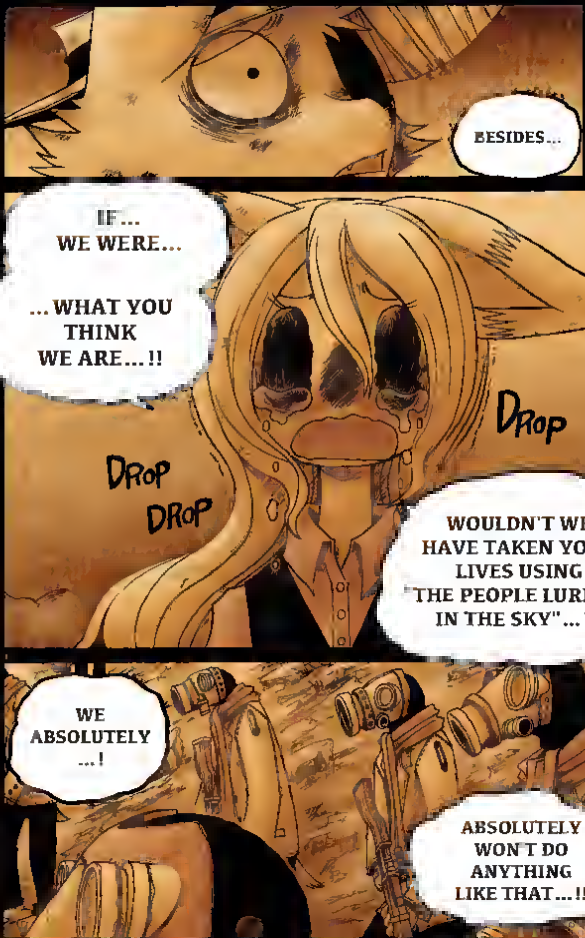
BANG

GWo
...?!
WHAT...?
IT DOESN'T MOVE...?!


THESE ARE THE REMAINS OF ONE OF "THOSE LURKING IN THE SKY."
HE WON'T THROW "STRAIGHT THUNDERS"...
...NOR MOVE.
IT'S PART OF THE RELICS SPREAD UNDER THIS LAND.

WE DON'T KNOW HOW LONG THEY HAVE BEEN HERE...
... NEITHER WHAT KIND OF PLACE THIS WAS
LET ALONE... THE POWER TO CONTROL THEM...!!
WE DON'T HAVE IT!!

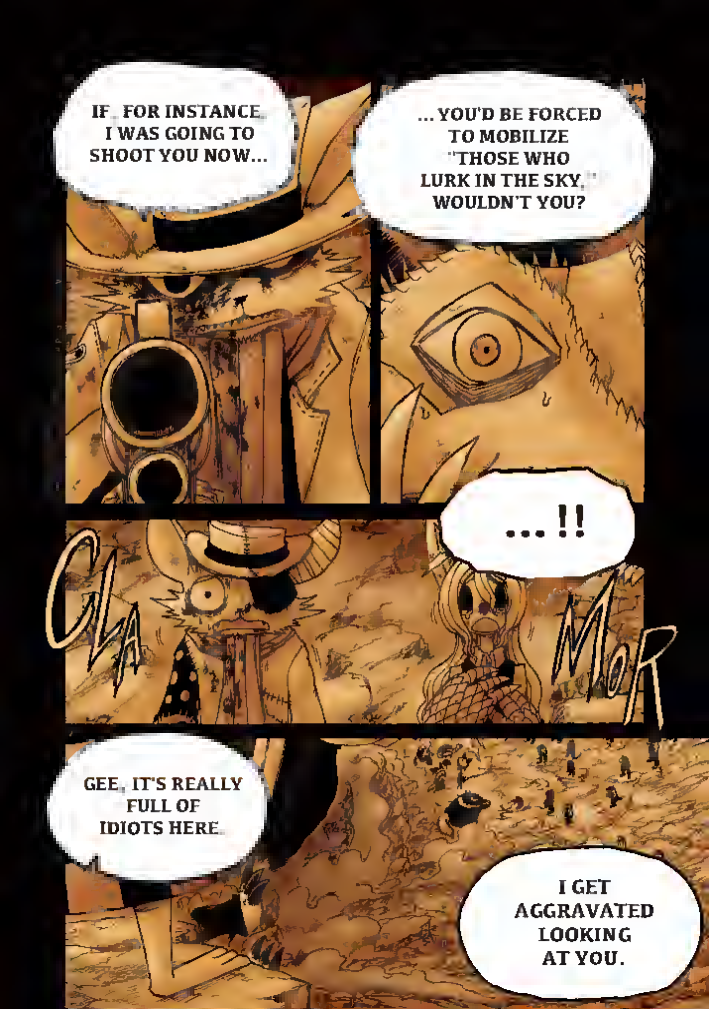
THEN WHAT'S THIS STUFF WE SEIZED FROM YOU GUYS?!!
THERE WERE MANY MORE MYSTERIOUS TOOLS, AS WELL!!
THOSE WERE EXCAVATED FROM THE RUINS, TOO.
WHAT YOU RECKON TO BE MAGIC IS DUE TO RELICS WE CAN'T UNDERSTAND EITHER.
OUR APPEARANCE IS NOT "NORMAL" SINCE BIRTH, BUT WE DON'T HAVE ANY SPECIAL POWER!

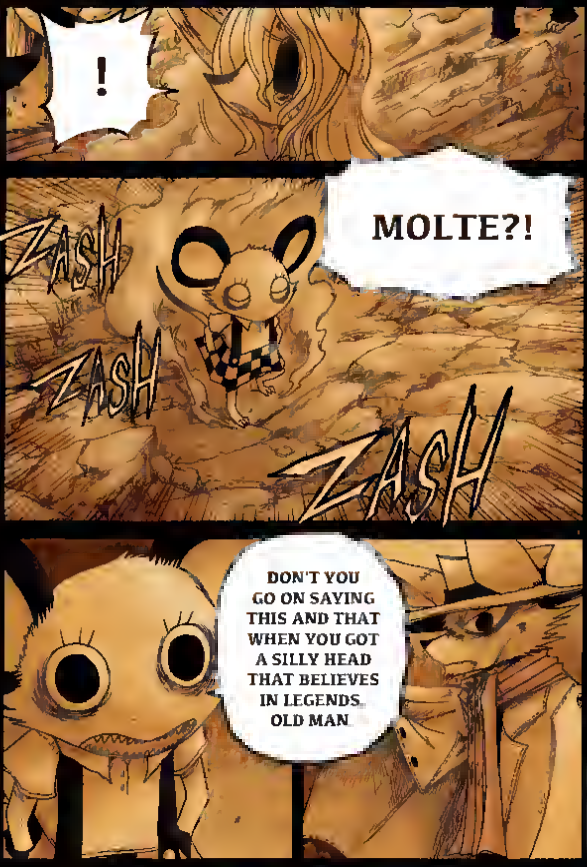

BESIDES...
IF...
WE WERE...
...WHAT YOU THINK WE ARE...!!
DROP
DROP
DROP
WOULDN'T WE HAVE TAKEN YOUR LIVES USING "THE PEOPLE LURKING IN THE SKY"...?!
WE ABSOLUTELY ...!
ABSOLUTELY WON'T DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT...!!

THEN WHY DO YOU LIVE IN THIS PLACE?
A DEAD LAND WHERE NO PLANT GROWS
IT WAS THE SAME SITUATION AS THIS
WE CAME INTO THIS WORLD AS VARIANTS...
...AND CHASED BY A LOT LIKE YOU, WE HUDDLED HERE TOGETHER.
IN THE LAND OF THE VARIANT, TO AVOID CONTACT WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.

WE...
...FEAR YOU PEOPLE.

UMPH.
TO AVOID CONTACT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE...
SOUNDS LIKE YOUR GRUDGE AND ENVY TOWARDS THE OUTSIDE WORLD ARE PRETTY DEEP. HUH?
TLA
CK
BESIDES, I DON'T BUY THE EXCUSE THAT YOU AREN'T WIZARDS.


IF, FOR INSTANCE, I WAS GOING TO SHOOT YOU NOW...
...YOU'D BE FORCED TO MOBILIZE "THOSE WHO LURK IN THE SKY," WOULDN'T YOU?
...!!
CLA
MOR
GEE, IT'S REALLY FULL OF IDIOTS HERE.
I GET AGGRAVATED LOOKING AT YOU.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MOLTE?!
ZASH
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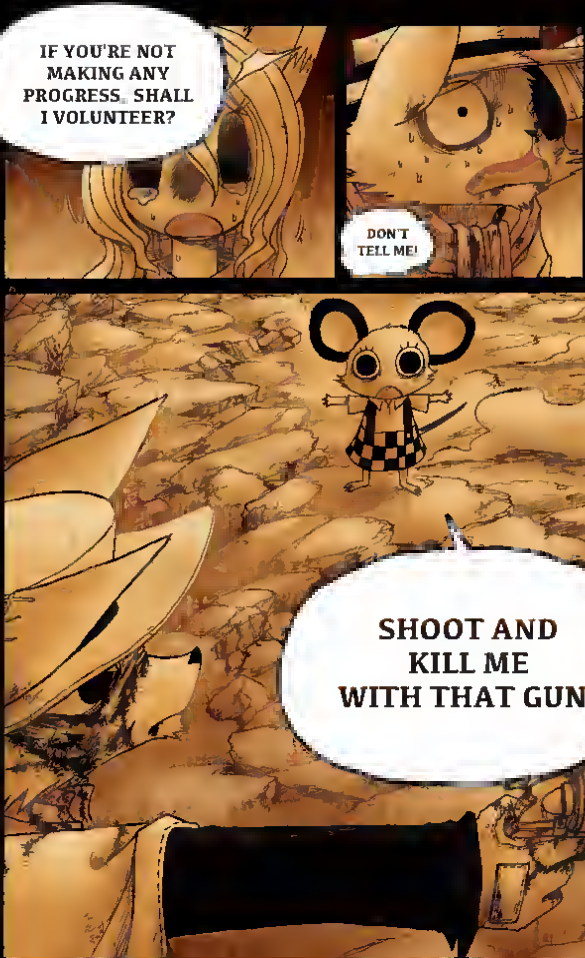
DON'T YOU GO ON SAYING THIS AND THAT WHEN YOU GOT A SILLY HEAD THAT BELIEVES IN LEGENDS, OLD MAN


IF YOU'RE NOT MAKING ANY PROGRESS, SHALL I VOLUNTEER?
DON'T TELL ME!
SHOOT AND KILL ME WITH THAT GUN!

MOLTE... !!
THUMP
WHACK
!!
ZA-SH

SEE?
THOSE TWO'S
ACTIONS.
THEY'RE
DESPERATELY
TRYING TO
STOP ME
BECAUSE
THEY WON'T
LIKE IT IF I DIE.

IN OTHER WORDS, IF THIS IS THE WIZARD VILLAGE LIKE THE LEGEND SAYS, IF I GET SHOT...
...I SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET BROUGHT BACK TO LIFE RIGHT AWAY.
IN THAT CASE, THEY WON T HAVE ANY EXCUSE.

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S EASIER AND MORE CLEAR-CUT THAN SAYING THIS AND THAT?
CRAIN... STOP...!!
NO...!! MOLTE...!!
DON'T HESITATE.
I CAME HERE SINCE I WANTED TO TRY TO DIE.
THAT'S BECAUSE I BELIEVED THERE WAS A WAY TO COME BACK TO LIFE, TOO.

I THOUGHT THAT IF I DIED ONCE WHILE ALIVE...
...I COULD MEET WHO I LONGED TO SEE.
BUT, YOU SEE -
NOW I NEED TO COME BACK TO LIFE NO MORE.

NO...!
I DON'T HAVE...
...A PLACE TO STAY ANYMORE...!!
THAT'S NOT TRUE, MOLTE!! I...!!
I ASK YOU PLEASE!!
SHOOT ME!!!

I WILL.
BLAM

MOLTE!!!

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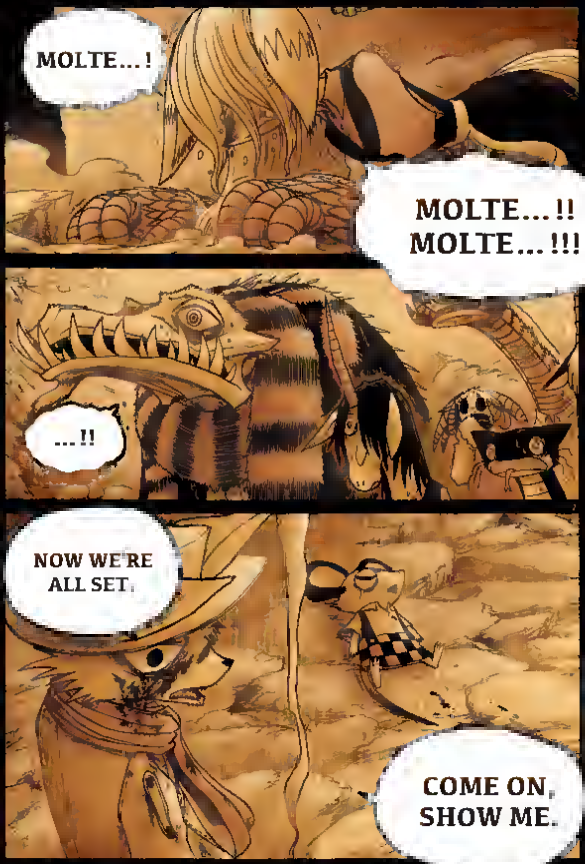
THOUD
——!!
AAAAAAAAH!


MOLTE...!
MOLTE...!!
MOLTE...!!!
...!!
NOW WE'RE ALL SET.
COME ON, SHOW ME.

THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD BY MAGIC..
COME ON, WHAT'S WRONG?
DO IT, QUICK!
WHAT...
RATTLE
RATTLE
WHAT... HAVE YOU DONE...!

HOW COULD YOU, CRAIN?!!!
YOU...!!
DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU HAVE DONE!!?
YOU SHOT A CHILD!!

YOU SHOT AND KILLED THAT CHILD!!!
OOZE
CRAIN!!
SO WHAT?

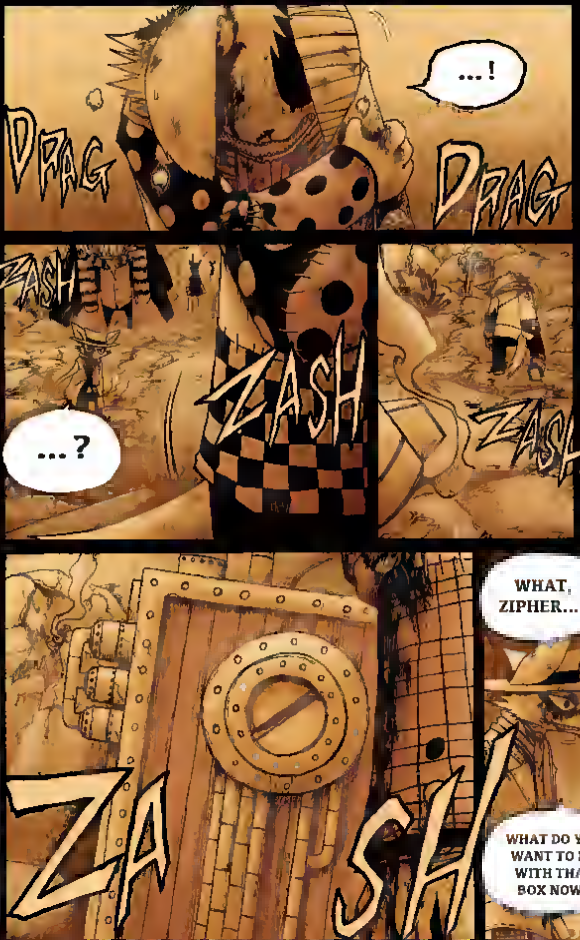
CALM DDWN, ZIPHER.
ND DDUBT I SHOT AND KILLED HER. THEY JUST HAVE TD BRING HER BACK TO LIFE. ND BIG DEAL.
YOU ARE JUST...
...SCARED DF SEEING PEDPLE ARDUND YDU DIE. THAT'S ALL.
HOW LONG DO YOU INTEND TO REMAIN SILENT?

USE YOUR MAGIC, QUICK.
PROVE ME THAT YOU ARE WIZARDS...
CAN'T YOU HEAR ME?!!
OH... I SEE...

THIS ONE WAS CLEARLY AN OUTSIDER.
AFTER ALL, YOU CAN ONLY BE BOTHERED TO RESURRECT YOUR KIND... HEE HEE...
CRAIN...?
C... CAPTAIN...
ALAS... I WAS CARELESS...
I SHOT THE WRONG TARGET.

SO NOW...
..WHO SHOULD I SHOOT?
THE VILLAGE CHIEF?
THE WOMAN CRYING OVER THERE?
OR...
...THE CHILDREN OF THE "WIZARD VILLAGE"...!?
...!
CRUNCH

BANG
UGH...
...!?
MISTER ZIPHER!?
ZASH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DRAG
DRAG
ZASH
ZASH
ZASH
...?
WHAT, ZIPHER...?
ZA
SH
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO WITH THAT BOX NOW?

CLICK
SQUEAK
HEY, HEY, ARE YOU CRAZY?
SQUEAK
DIDN T YOU SEE WHAT S BEEN HAPPENING HERE?
WHAT GOOO WILL IT OO IF YOU OPEN THAT BOX NOW?!
THESE GUYS WON'T BRING OUTSIOERS BACK TO LIFE
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
CLUNK
DON'T THINK YOU CAN RAISE THEIR SYMPATHY!!
YOU JUST KEEP QUIET...
YWOO
SSSSSH
!

HEY... ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME, ZIPHER?
TLACK
THAT'S USELESS. STOP IT NOW
RIGHT NOW! HEY...!
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
LISTEN TO ME, ZIPHER! I TOLD YOU TO STOP!!
YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU ARE DOING!!!
CLACK
CLUNK

IT WON'T BE POSSIBLE TO REVIVE ANNA ANYMORE!
TA-CLACK
ZIPHER!!!!
"I WANT TO GIVE YOU A PRESENT."

"NOT NOW BUT EXPRESSLY TONIGHT?
"YES EXPRESSLY TONIGHT. ARE YOU FREE?"
"OF COURSE! EVEN IF I WASN'T YOU KNOW I ALWAYS GIVE PRIORITY TO FUN THINGS
"HA HA HA! THAT'S RIGHT."
"SEE YOU TONIGHT, THEN, ANNA."
"YES."
!!

"HEE HEE."
"I CAN'T WAIT!"

...!!
NO CRAIN... IT'S NOT THAT IT'LL BE NO LONGER POSSIBLE
RESURRECTING THE DEAD... WAS NEVER POSSIBLE
THERE IS NO MAGIC IN THIS VILLAGE.
YOU CAN SHOOT AS MANY PEOPLE AS YOU WANT, BUT THEY WON'T COME BACK.

THE STRAIGHT THUNDERS WON T STOP...
EVERYTHING WAS WRONG.
EVEN SACRIFICING MORE PEOPLE, WE'LL ACHIEVE NOTHING.
CRAIN... LET'S STOP THIS.

SO...
SO, HOW CAN WE REVENGE OUR HOMETOWN...!?
HOW CAN WE STOP THEM...!?
HOW CAN WE PROTECT THE WORLD FROM THEM...!?
I...
WHAT HAVE I ACHIEVED HERE?

SHIT... !!
SHIT... !!
SHIT... !!!

WE'LL CONTINUE...
...OUR TRIP...
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EVERYBODY... COLLECT THE WOUNDED...
RETREAT...
C... CAPTAIN... WHERE ARE WE GOING... NEXT...?

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...?
CHI NG

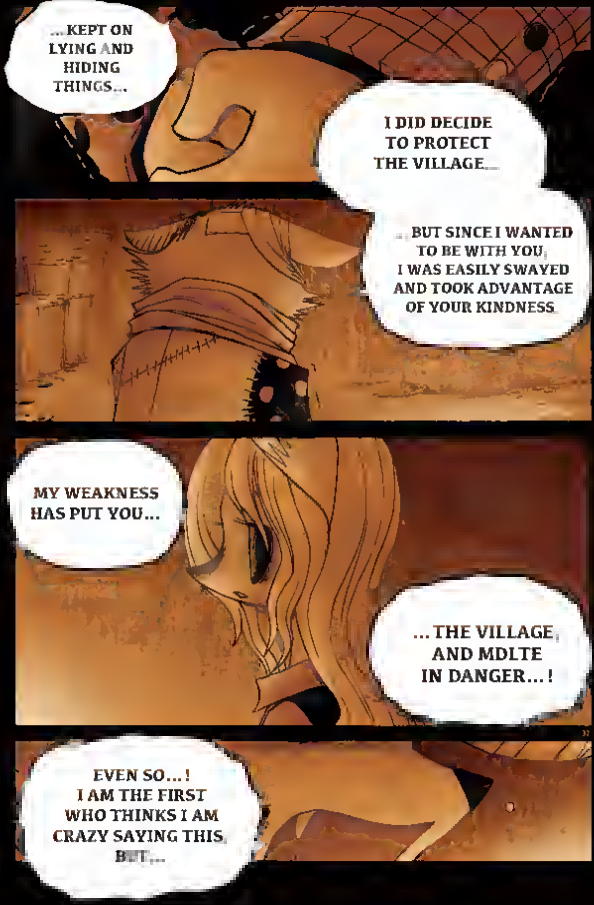
DON'T TELL ME...!
!!
KAYOH!! BRING MY MEDICAL BAG, QUICKLY!!!
!?
SOMEONE BRING A STRETCHER, PLEASE!!!
MISTER MALSUS...!?

DOMIKA, MOLTE IS STILL ALIVE.
!!
THE LOCKET SHE WAS WEARING DEFLECTED THE BULLET
SHE'S SHORT. THE BULLET PATH WAS ASKEW TO BEGIN WITH
AT LEAST THE HEART HAS NOT BEEN PIERCED
IF WE HURRY, SHE CAN SURELY BE SAVED...!
...!!

Will we make it, Rosencrown Wrap it up! Nyhoo no no no
I do don't know, it looks

TOMORROW... I WILL LEAVE THE VILLAGE.
YES... I HEARD.
YOU WILL BURY MISS ANNA IN THE CEMETERY EARLY IN THE MORNING...
...THEN YOU'LL GO, RIGHT?
YES... THANKS TO THE CHIEF'S KINDNESS...
MISS DOMIKA...

I WAS STRONGLY ATTRACTED TO YOU SINCE THE BEGINNING...
!
THOUGH I WAS TRYING HARD TO CHEAT MYSELF CONCENTRATING ON MY PURPOSE...
...I GOT ATTRACTED TO YOU MORE AND MORE
AT FIRST I THOUGHT IT WAS BECAUSE I SAW ANNA IN YOU...
BUT I WAS WRONG
I REALIZED I WAS CHARMED BY YOUR WARM RADIANCE...
...WHEN YOU WERE ACTING FOLLOWING YOUR HEART.
BUT, I...


...KEPT ON LYING AND HIDING THINGS...
I DID DECIDE TO PROTECT THE VILLAGE...
...BUT SINCE I WANTED TO BE WITH YOU, I WAS EASILY SWAYED AND TOOK ADVANTAGE OF YOUR KINDNESS.
MY WEAKNESS HAS PUT YOU...
...THE VILLAGE, AND MDLTE IN DANGER...!
EVEN SO...! I AM THE FIRST WHO THINKS I AM CRAZY SAYING THIS, BUT...

MISS DOMIKA.
I... AM SO HAPPY I MET YOU...!!
...!!

MORE THAN ANYTHING...
ABOVE ALL, I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU...!!
——!

THE NEXT MORNING, ANNA WAS BURIED AS PLANNED...

...AND ZIPHER LEFT THE VILLAGE.

HE DESTROYED PART OF IT PUT THE VILLAGERS IN DANGER... BETRAYED THE BRIGADE...
HE DOESN T HAVE A PLACE TO GO BACK TO HE LOST HIS PARENTS LONG AGO
WHERE WILL HIS ROAD LEAD HIM...?
IT SURELY IS A TREAD AND THORNY PATH
A ROAD TO WALK ON SEARCHING...
...FOR THE PLACE THAT LIES AHEAD...

DONG
DONG
OK!
WE WILL CONTINUE TOMORROW.
EEEH!!?
WAIT! WAIT, MISS!
WHAT HAPPENED TO MISS DOMIKA?!
AND THE OUTCOME OF MISTER ZIPHER'S LOVE... !!
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO MISS KAYOH!!!
WHAT ABOUT THE VILLAGE CHIEF?

- GIGGLE -
I CAN GO ON, BUT...
ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO END UP WITHOUT DINNER?
NOOOOOO!!!!
YEAH. THAT'S GOOD.
COME ON HURRY UP TO THE CAFETERIA!
TAP TAP TAP TAP

NOW I AM WORKING ON A BOOK ABOUT THE 'WIZARD VILLAGE
SOMETIMES I COME TO SCHOOL AND READ IT TO THE KIDS LIKE TODAY
MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO RUN THIS SCHOOL ARE FROM THE VILLAGE.
IT TOOK 16 LONG YEARS, BUT...
THE SEPARATION BETWEEN IT AND THE OUTSIDE WORLD HAS STARTED TO FADE TOGETHER WITH THE NAME "WIZARD VILLAGE."

AT PRESENT THE LAND OF THE VARIANT AND THE RUINS ARE MANAGED BY THE VILLAGERS WHO DECIDED TO STAY
.. AND THEY COOPERATE WITH SPECIALISTS IN THEIR RESEARCH
A CHANGE THAT WAS UNTHINKABLE BEFORE
HERE LIES ANNA O'HARA
FROM THE LOST TOWN OF ARKHAMHEIM
THIS STARTED 16 YEARS AGO WITH HIM, WHEN HE LEFT THE VILLAGE

MISTER ZIPHER TRAVELED TO EACH AND EVERY PLACE TELLING OF HIS EXPERIENCES AND WHAT HE LEARNT
TO LET THE WORLD KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT THE VILLAGE AND ITS PEOPLE
OF COURSE IT WAS A THORNY PATH
"BEFORE THE PILLAR OF LIGHT PREGNANT WITH DARKNESS...
"...SOILS THE PURITY OF THE LAND...
"CLOSE YOUR EYES, MY DEAR LITTLE BOY.
"BEFORE THE SCARY WIZARDS COME."
IN 16 YEARS THE WORLD HAS CHANGED SO MUCH, BUT...
YOU CAN STILL FEEL HOW DEEPLY ROOTED THE "LEGEND" IS.
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MISTER ZIPHER IS STILL CARRYING ON HIS TRAVELING ACTIVITY
CHIRP
IN THE FRONT LINE OF THAT THORNY PATH
BUT DON'T WORRY.
CLA
CK
HE'S ALREADY...

HI, BIG SIS!
YOUR LOVELY LITTLE BROTHER HAS COME TO PICK YOU UP.
WHAT'S UP, SCHRITT?
YOU CAME ALL THE WAY TO PICK ME UP!
WELL, I COULON T SIT STILL!
I JUST GOT A PHONE CALL FROM DAD!!

HE SAID HE'S COMING BACK TOGETHER WITH MOM TODAY!!
I THINK THEY MUST ALREADY BE HOME BY NOW!!
SHOULDN'T YOU BE WAITING FOR THEM THERE, THEN?
!!!!!
FRET
FRET
FRET
B-- BUT!! I WANTED TO BUY A WELCOME BACK GIFT...
THEN WE COULDN T DO A TOUCHING REUNION WITHOUT YOU
- GIGGLE - THANK YOU.

SO, THOSE FLOWERS ARE THE GIFT?
YES! THEY'RE CALLED FREESIA.
THE ROAD I AM WALKING ON NOW STEP BY STEP...
THEY SAID IT S "THE PERFECT FLOWER FOR THE SEASON OF NEW ENCOUNTERS."
I THINK IT'S A GOOD CHOICE.
...IS THE ROAD TO THE PLACE I GO BACK TO.
CHANG!

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